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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,
AT
SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS
HELD AT
*Cayuga, 28th September, A. L. 5894, and
at Napanee Mills, 16th May,
A. L. 5895,*
ALSO AT THE
FORTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
HELD AT THE CITY OF TORONTO,
ON THE
17th and 18th July, A. D. 1895, A. L. 5895



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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Cayuga, in the County of Haldimand, on Friday, the 28th Day of September, A.D. 1894, A.L. 5894.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q.C.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. H. J. Johnston.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. E. J. Wells	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd.....	as Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Bro. John Parry	as Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. James Noble.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. G. H. Luscombe	as Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. Joshua Mason	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. W. T. Anthony.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. A. Hoshal.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. D. T. Hind	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. G. Powell	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. John Senn.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. Wm. Clarke.....	as Asst. Grand Organist.
W. Bro. W. H. Mellon	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. James Old.....	Grand Steward.
W. Bro. John Green.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. F. Sparr	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. S. Cornick.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. A. Cooper	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. W. P. Kelly.....	as Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. A. Kelly.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. John Ovens.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. James Mitchell	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. John Thompson.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. W. J. Ramsay.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. J. Ashbaugh.....	as Grand Steward.
Bro. E. J. Wigg.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren hailing from various lodges.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, at 2 o'clock p. m., in the lodge-room of St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga, by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this special

communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new Town Hall.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed, under the direction of V. W. Bro. D. T. Hind, as acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the north-east corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll :

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of Heaven and Earth,**

ON THE 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1894, A. L. 5894,

In the year of Freemasonry, A. L. 5894, and in the fifty-eighth year of
the reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and the
Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, Dominion
of Canada, etc.

His Excellency, the Right Hon. Sir JOHN CAMPBELL HAMIL-
TON GORDON, F. C., LL.D., Earl of Aberdeen, being
Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Right Hon. GEORGE A. KIRKPATRICK, being Lieutenant-
Governor of the Province of Ontario.

Sir JOHN S. D. THOMPSON, being Premier of the Dominion of
Canada.

Sir OLIVER MOWAT, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.
W. H. Montague, Esq., M. D., M. P., and John Senn, Esq., M. P. P.,
for the County of Haldimand.

Jacob Kohler, Esq., Warden, and David Thompson, M. D., R. J.

Hinds, George Brooks, Thomas Hassard, S. A. Beck, Robert

Ramsay, F. R. Lalor, L. A. Congdon, Robert Macdonald,

T. J. Galbraith, Andrew Price, Robert Rutherford,

W. J. Laing, R. F. Miller, Wm. Clark, Jas. Urie,

Daniel Dickhout, Jos. W. Holmes, Sol

Winger and W. F. Smith, Esquires,

Councillors for the County of

Haldimand.

David Thompson, Esq., M. D., Reeve, and Alex. Baird, Alex. Mitchell,
Richard Sinnett and William T. Anthony, Esquires,

Councilors for the Town of Cayuga.

H. J. Johnston, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master for the Tenth
Masonic District.

Officers for the County of Haldimand being—Duncan McMillan,
Esq., Judge; Robert H. Davis, Esq., Sheriff; James Mitchell, Esq.,
Clerk of the County Clerk, etc.; William Parker, Esq., Registrar; C. W.
Colter, Esq., County Attorney, etc.; Adam A. Davis, Esq., Treasurer.
Architects—Edwards & Webster, Toronto.

Builder—James Jack, Cayuga.

The Corner Stone

Of the PUBLIC HALL BUILDING

was laid by the Most Worshipful Brother William Robert White, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. in the Province of Ontario, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of Brethren and citizens, with the usual ceremonies of the Order.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing Canadian coins, and certain newspapers and records.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the M. W. the Grand Master, by David Thompson. Esq., Reeve of the Town of Cayuga.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with CORN, WINE AND OIL, and pronounced it :

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

After the ceremony addresses were delivered by the M. W. the Grand Master and the R. W. the Grand Secretary.

The procession was then reformed, the Brethren returned to the lodge-room, and Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held in the Orange Hall, in the Village of Napanee Mills, in the County of Addington, on Thursday, the 16th day of May, A. D. 1895, A. L. 5895.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C.	as	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. R. W. Longmore,	as	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. — Ewart.	as	Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. Jas. Aylesworth.	as	Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Rev. Arthur Jarvis.	as	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. — Richards.	as	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. S. C. Warner	as	Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. McLaughlin.	as	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. — Guy.	as	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. A. Aylesworth	as	Grand Sup't of Works.
W. Bro. Peter Johnston.	as	Grand Dir. of Cer.
Bro. — Wellbanks	as	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Robt. Hope.	as	Grand Organist.
W. Bro. Robt. Henry.	as	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. M. I. Beeman	} as	Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. C. Shorey		
W. Bro. L. Stover.		
W. Bro. Lockridge.		
Bro. — Martin	as	Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and brethren hailing from various lodges.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in *due form*, at 1 o'clock p. m., in the Orange Hall, Napanee Mills, by the M. W. the Acting Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. Jude's Church (Anglican).

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed, under the direction of W. Bro. Peter Johnston, as acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the north-east corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll :

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe,**

ON THE 16TH DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1895, A. L. 5895,

In the fifty-eight year of the reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign,
Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia,
Dominion of Canada, etc.

His Excellency, the Right Hon. Sir JOHN CAMPBELL HAMILTON GORDON, F. C., LL.D., Earl of Aberdeen, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Right Hon. GEORGE AIRY KIRKPATRICK, being Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon Sir OLIVER MOWAT, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

M. W. Bro. W. R. WHITE, Q. C., being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M. in the Province of Ontario.

The Right Rev. J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., being Archbishop of Ontario.

Rev. FRANCIS D. WOODCOCK, being incumbent of Camden East.
JOHN CARSON, Esq., being Warden of the County of Lennox and Addington.

R W. Bro. JOHN HEWTON, being D. D. G. M. of this Fourteenth Masonic District.

ATKINSON WILDE, Esq., being Reeve of the Township of Camden, and MILTON I. BEEMAN, M.D., being the Worshipful Master of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh.

'This Corner Stone

Of the CHURCH OF ST. JUDE

was laid M. W. Bro. Richard T. Walkem, Q.C., D.C.L., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a concourse of Brethren and citizens, with the usual ceremonies of the Order.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing Canadian coins and certain newspapers and records.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the acting Grand Master by the Rector of St. Jude's.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with CORN, WINE AND OIL, and pronounced it :

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

After the ceremony an address was delivered by the M. W. the acting Grand Master.

The procession was then reformed, the Brethren returned to the lodge-room, and the Grand Lodge was closed in DUE FORM.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Fortieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Toronto, commencing on Wednesday, the 17th day of July, A. D. 1895, A. L. 5895.

PRESENT :

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C., on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M. P.

R. W. Bro. Thos. Lester	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. J. W. Hodgins.....	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray ..	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs.....	Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. Max Dennistoun	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. H. J. Charles	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. L. W. Shannon	Grand Supd't of Works.
V. W. Bro. H. McCulla Wright.....	Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. W. A. Karn.....	Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. G. M. Aylesworth	Ass't. Grand Organist.
R. W. Bro. F. F. Manley.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. A. McDonald	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Jas. Old, jr.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. W. McKeown	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. J. S. Scarff... ..	as Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. J. H. Dickinson.....	as Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. S. Dubber ..	as Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. A. Shaw	as Grand Steward.
Bro. J. H. Pritchard.....	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,

R. W. Bro. E. S. Wigle	Erie District, No. 1.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Ward.....	St. Clair District, No. 2.
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper (acting)....	London District, No. 3.
R. W. Bro. R. H. Collins.....	South Huron District, No. 4.
R. W. Bro. Thos. Wilson	North Huron District, No. 5.
R. W. Bro. W. F. Miles... ..	Wilson District, No. 6.

R. W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins	Wellington District, No. 7.
R. W. Bro. Thos. McCallum	Hamilton District, No. 8.
R. W. Bro. E. C. Roper	Georgian District, No. 9.
R. W. Bro. H. J. Johnston	Niagara District, No. 10.
R. W. Bro. J. A. McGillivray, Q. C....	Toronto District, No. 11.
R. W. Bro. F. Rae	Ontario District, No. 12.
R. W. Bro. John Shaw	Prince Edw. District, No. 13.
R. W. Bro. John Hewton	Frontenac District, No. 14.
R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston	St. Lawrence District, No. 15.
R. W. Bro. E. Abbot Johnson	Ottawa District, No. 16.
R. W. Bro. W. I. Bradley	Algoma District, No. 17.
R. W. Bro. Thos. Sacret	Nipissing District No. 18.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson	England.
R. W. Bro. John Creasor, Q. C	British Columbia.
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson	New Brunswick.
R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell	New South Wales.
R. W. Bro. L. Secord,	New Zealand.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt	South Australia.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson	Victoria.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler	Arkansas.
V. W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson	California.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Brazil, Connecticut and Min- nesota.
M. W. Bro. Hy Robertson	District of Columbia.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason	Florida.
M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C.	Georgia.
R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Davis	Illinois.
R. W. Bro. E. H. D. Hall	Indian Territory.
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Q. C.	Indiana, Missouri, New Jer- sey, Texas and Utah.
M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry	Kentucky and Greece.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. John W. Murton	Maine.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton	Maryland.
R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford	Michigan.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q. C..	Montana.
V. W. Bro. C. W. Brown	Nebraska.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Patterson	Nevada.
V. W. Bro. J. A. Cowan	New Hampshire.
R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown	New Mexico.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	New York.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar	North Carolina.
R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb	South Carolina.
R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone	South Dakota.
R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson	Tennessee.
R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn	Vermont.
R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton	Virginia.
R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Q. C.	West Virginia.
R. W. Bro. Thos. Sargant	Wisconsin.
R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait	The Island of Cuba.
R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson	Hungary.
R. W. Bro. R. Radcliffe	The Netherlands.
M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C.	Peru.
R. W. Bro. W. L. Hamilton	Switzerland.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- PAST GRAND MASTERS.—M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, J. K. Kerr, D. Spry, Hugh Murray, Hy. Robertson, R. T. Walkem, J. Ross Robertson and Hon. J. M. Gibson.
- PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.—R. W. Bros. H. J. Wilkinson, J. Menish, Gavin Stewart, J. Hoodless, E. G. Wells, W. J. Morris, G. Tait, Donald Ross, G. J. Bennett, W. Roaf, R. L. Gunn, W. McKay, John Parry, T. L. M. Tipton, Jos. Beck, R. Radcliffe, P. J. Brown, D. McPhie, A. B. Munson, T. C. Macnabb, J. B. Nixon, J. C. Hegler, D. W. Martyn, H. S. Broughton, P. H. Cox, A. Patterson, T. Sargent, W. T. Toner, J. Nettleton, D. Collins, D. F. Macwatt, T. H. Brunton, J. H. Widdifield, E. H. D. Hall, W. D. Garner, J. F. Graham, F. C. Heath, J. H. Burritt, R. McCaw, W. McCabe, T. F. Chamberlain, J. E. Harding, R. W. Longmore, A. E. Harvey, B. Shortly, W. Miller, J. Cascaden, John Scoon, John Boyd, John Sinclair, P. W. D. Brodrick, R. B. Hungerford, T. P. Smith, D. D. Campbell, Wm. Rea, F. Goodier, T. F. Blackwood, R. M. Stuart, R. Mahoney, W. H. Burgess, W. B. Sanders, A. Jardine, W. Webster, W. Smeaton, W. L. Hamilton, J. A. Morton, W. D. Hepburn, A. Hess, H. A. Collins, John Creasor, E. T. Malone, Wm. Kennedy, Isaac Huber, A. B. Hurrell, T. E. Robson, J. A. C. Anderson and B. Paine.
- PAST GRAND SENIOR WARDENS.—R. W. Bros. J. W. Murtcn, James Bain, R. W. Barker, R. L. Patterson, B. Saunders, R. J. Hoven-den, G. R. Vanzant, J. E. D'Avignon, L. Secord and A. W. Porte.
- PAST GRAND JUNIOR WARDENS.—R. W. Bros. J. McLauchlan, W. A. Green, G. C. Davis, J. S. Dewar, Allan McLean, Hugh Walker, Geo. Inglis and G. G. Rowe.
- PAST GRAND CHAPLAINS.—R. W. Bros. Rev. G. Chrystal and J. H. Fairlie.
- PAST GRAND REGISTRARS.—R. W. Bros. F. F. Manley, F. C. Martin and C. C. Robinson.
- PAST GRAND SENIOR DEACONS.—V. W. Bros. G. S. Ryerson, C. W. Postlethwaite, James Wilson and A. A. S. Ardagh.
- PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF WORKS.—V. W. Bros. R. E. Fletcher, C. F. Mansell and D. Bole.
- PAST ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARIES.—V. W. Bros. T. McCracken and R. E. Gallagher.
- PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.—V. W. Bro. A. G. Horwood.
- PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER.—V. W. Bros. J. M. Clement, R. Cuthbert and J. A. Cowan.
- PAST ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANISTS.—V. W. Bros. C. W. Brown, J. M. Rogerson and N. L. Steiner.
- PAST GRAND PURSUIVANTS.—V. W. Bros. J. McCarter and J. K. Brydon.
- PAST GRAND STEWARDS.—V. W. Bros. D. Rose, O. Bascom, J. S. Scarff, R. R. Fulton, A. Shaw, E. Miller, S. Dubber, M. G. Burwell, W. C. Morrison, T. W. Chapple, J. H. Dickinson, S. Pearcy, L. Leitch, R. J. Pujolas, R. Johnston, E. T. Shaw, C. Pettiford, E. J. Voss A. Trussler, W. A. Ferrah and S. Henry.
- PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.—V. W. Bros. L. A. Congdon and W. Walker.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, Bro. Warring Kennedy, Mayor of Toronto, was announced, introduced, and presented an address of welcome.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* at 11.45 o'clock a m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

A deputation of Masters from the Toronto Lodges accompanied by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P. D. D. G. M., were announced, introduced, and presented the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME :

To M. W. Bro. William R. White, Q. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. SIR AND BRO.,—It is with great pleasure that we, on behalf of the brethren of Toronto, extend to you and to the other officers and members of Grand Lodge a most cordial greeting and welcome to our city.

The four years that have elapsed since the last Communication of Grand Lodge was held in this city have witnessed many changes, but we assure you that throughout the members of the Craft there is no change in our loyalty to Grand Lodge, in our respect and esteem for you, its presiding officer, or in our zeal for the cause of Freemasonry.

The progress of Masonry in this District has been steady progress. We can safely assert that never was the enthusiasm of the members greater, never were the benevolent principles of Freemasonry more clearly exemplified than during the recent period of financial depression. and never did Masonry stand higher in the estimation of the outside world.

To you, M. W. Sir, who first beheld the light of Masonry in Ionic Lodge, No. 25, and of which you are still a member, who while pursuing your legal studies in this city laid the foundation of a career honorable and distinguished, and who have been raised to the most exalted position in the gift of Grand Lodge, it must be especially gratifying to preside over the deliberations of this august body at the scene of your early experiences, struggles and triumphs.

We trust, M. W. Sir, that those deliberations will be conducted with the harmony characteristic of the Craft, and may bear such fruit as will redound to our credit and the good of mankind.

We hope you and the members of Grand Lodge may have a pleasant and profitable meeting, and that you will return to

your homes with the satisfaction of knowing that your work has been done, and well done.

Toronto, July 17th, 1895.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bros R. B. Hungerford, Wm. Roaf and Wm. Rea, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present :

- No. 2. Niagara, Niagara.*
W. Bro. J. G. Rousseaux, P. M., Proxy; V. W. Bro. J. M. Clement and W. Bro. T. F. Best, P. M's.
- No. 3. The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.*
W. Bro. R. E. Burns W. M.; Bros. W. T. Minnes, S. W.; R. D. Baker, J. W.; M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkin and W. Bro. H. J. Saunders, P. M's.
- No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.*
W. Bro. C. Rose, W. M.; R. W. Bro. John Menish and W. Bro. A. Urquhart, P. M's.
- No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. James Bicknell, W. M.; Bro. A. T. Freed, S. W.; R. W. Bros. J. W. Murton, Gavin Stewart, Wm. Gibson, and J. Hoodless, and W. Bros. T. Clappison, S. M. Kenny, Jas. Ferres, R. Hobson, A. McPherson, and W. E. Henderson, P. M's.
- No. 7. Union, Grimsby.*
W. Bro. W. D. Forbes, W. M.; Bro. A. F. Hawke, S. W.; W. Bros. W. F. Clark and D. Sykes, P. M's.
- No. 9. Union, Napanee.*
V. W. Bro. Jas. Walters, P. M., Proxy; W. Bro. T. D. Pruyn, P. M.
- No. 10. Norfolk, Simcoe.*
W. Bro. T. R. Atkinson, W. M.; Bro. W. P. Price, S. W.; R. W. Bro. E. G. Wells, and W. Bros. F. Reid and G. H. Luscombe, P. M's.
- No. 11. Moira, Belleville.*
W. Bro. Wm. Robertson, W. M.; Bro. J. O. Frost, S. W.; W. Bro. W. Lattimer, P. M.
- No. 14. True Britons, Perth.*
R. W. Bro. W. J. Morris, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 15. St. George's, St. Catharines.*
W. Bros. J. E. Hetherington, W. M.; J. D. Christie and C. H. Connor, P. M's.
- No. 16. St. Andrew's, Toronto.*
W. Bro. C. E. Edwards, W. M.; Bros. J. W. Dowd, S. W.; J. E. Hansford, J. W.; R. W. Bros. G. Tait and James Bain; V. W. Bros. W. J. Hambly and D. Rose, and W. Bros. J. Glanville, A. R. Macdonald, J. Pearson, J. S. Lovell, J. T. Slater, R. W. Doan, W. Anderson and Thos. Bell, P. M's.
- No. 17. St. John's, Cobourg.*
W. Bro. Wm. Rankin, W. M.; Bro. A. J. Hewson, J. W.; W. Bros. R. J. Craig, A. R. Hargraft and Rev. W. H. A. French, P. M's.

- No. 18. Prince Edward, Picton*
W. Bro W. Moore, W. M.; R W. Bro. D. Ross and W. Bros. H. Welbanks and W. T. Shaw, P. M's.
- No. 20. St. John's, London.*
W. Bros. A. Swayze, W. M.; A. B. Greer, P. M.
- No. 21a. St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*
W. Bro. S. N. Morrison, P. M., Proxy, R. W. Bro. E. Abbot Johnson, P. M
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- No. 262.* *Harriston, Harriston.*
W. Bro. A. G. Campbell, W. M.; Bro. J. T. Ireland, J. W.; W. Bro. G. Leighton, P. M.
- No. 263.* *Forest, Forest.*
W. Bro. W. C. Boddy, W. M.
- No. 264.* *Chaudiere, Ottawa.*
Bro. R. Fair, S. W.
- No. 265.* *Patterson, Thornhill.*
W. Bro. J. E. Francis, W. M.; W. Bros. G. A. Langstuff, J. Cherry, J. E. Knox and Rev. W. W. Bates, P. M's.
- No. 266.* *Northern Light, Kincardine.*
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- No. 267.* *Parthenon, Chatham.*
Bro. J. Winterburn, S. W.; W. Bro. J. B. Rankin, P. M.
- No. 268.* *Verulam, Bobcaygeon.*
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- No. 269.* *Brougham Union, Brougham.*
W. Bros. W. H. Smith, P. M., Proxy; D. W. Ferrier, P. M.
- No. 270.* *Cedar, Oshawa.*
W. Bro. T. E. Kaiser, W. M.; R. W. Bro. F. Rae, and W. Bro. E. O. Felt, P. M's.
- No. 271.* *Wellington, Erin.*
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- No. 272.* *Seymour, Ancaster.*
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- No. 274.* *Kent, Blenheim.*
W. Bro. C. Senior, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 277.* *Seymour, Port Dalhousie.*
R. W. Bro. H. Johnston, Proxy.
- No. 279.* *New Hope, Hespeler.*
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- No. 282.* *Lorne, Glencoe.*
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- No. 283.* *Eureka, Belleville.*
W. Bro. L. R. Terwilligar, W. M.; Bro. W. Alford, J. W.; R. W. Bros. W. Webster, W. Smeaton and W. L. Hamilton, P. M's.
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W. Bro. Henry James, W. M.
- No. 285.* *Seven Star, Altiston.*
V. W. Bro. H. Mc. Wright, P. M.

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R. W. Bro. J. A. Morton, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 287. Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
W. Bro. A. More, Proxy.
- No. 289. Doric, Lobo.*
W. Bros. D. A. Graham, W. M.; J. D. Dewar, P. M.
- No. 291. Dufferin, West Flamboro.*
W. Bros. James Adams, W. M.; W. J. Stutt, John Burbank, P. M's.
- No. 292. Robertson, King.*
W. Bros. J. D. Stevenson and A. Carney, P. M's.
- No. 294. Moore, Courtright.*
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- No. 295. Conestogo, Drayton.*
W. Bro. R. Reilly, W. M.; Bros. D. Peacock, S. W., John Gordon, J. W.; V. W. Bro. R. J. Pujolas, P. M.
- No. 296. Temple, St. Catharines.*
W. Bro. W. G. Maybee, W. M.; Bro. J. T. Petrie, J. W.; W. Bros. D. Robertson, L. S. Oille, L. Leitch, and A. J. Macgregor, P. M's.
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R. W. Bro. W. D. Hepburn, Proxy.
- No. 299. Victoria, Centreville.*
W. Bro. R. Cox, W. M.
- No. 300. Mount Olivet, Thorndale.*
W. Bro. J. H. Davis, W. M.
- No. 302. St. David's, St. Thomas.*
W. Bro. C. Scrase, W. M.; R. W. Bro. A. Hess, P. M.
- No. 303. Blyth, Blyth.*
W. Bro. J. B. Tiernay, W. M.; Bro. P. W. Scott, J. W.
- No. 304. Minerva, Stroud.*
W. Bro. E. T. McConkey, W. M.; Bro. D. Carlyle, S. W.; W. Bros. E. E. Sheppard and D. W. B. Spry, P. M's.
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W. Bros. L. J. Clark and W. C. Barker, P. M's.
- No. 307. Arkona, Arkona.*
W. Bro. A. Thoman, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 311. Blackwood, Woodbridge.*
W. Bros. A. B. Haystead, W. M.; A. Maynard, G. Gil-mour and J. A. Orr, P. M's.
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W. Bro. J. B. Carscallen, Proxy.
- No. 313. Clementi, Lakefield.*
W. Bro. G. B. Hilliard, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 314. Blair, Palmerston.*
W. Bro. H. Hyndman, Jr., W. M.; V. W. Bro. R. Johnst-on, P. M.
- No. 315. Clifford, Clifford.*
W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, W. M.; Bro. H. Graef, J. W.
- No. 316. Doric, Toronto.*
Bro. B. N. Davis, S. W.; R. W. Bro. H. A. Collins, V. W. Bros. A. A. S. Ardagh and J. A. Cowan and W. Bros. W. McCartney, H. Leeson, F. Bryers, F. G. Miller, F. Qua, W. G. Mutton, A. M. Brown and J. P. Johnson, P. M's.

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Bro. J. F. Howard, S. W.
- No. 320. *Chesterville, Chesterville.*
W. Bro. J. G. Gillespie, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 321. *Walker, Acton West.*
Bro. J. E. Wilkinson, S.W.
- No. 322. *North Star, Owen Sound.*
R. W. Bro. G. Inglis, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. John Creasor, and W. Bro. W. A. Bishop, P. M's.
- No. 323. *Alvinston, Alvinston.*
R. W. Bro. John Sinclair, Proxy.
- No. 324. *Temple, Hamilton.*
W. Bros. D. Clark, W.M.; T. Pedler and G. E. Martin, P. M's.
- No. 325. *Orono, Orono.*
W. Bros. M. M. Tucker, W. M.; W. Thompson and S. Cuttle, P. M's.
- No. 326. *Zetland, Toronto.*
W. Bro. J. L. L. Anderson, W. M.; Bro. J. H. Macabe, J. W.; R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone; V.W. Bro. Jas. Wilson, and W. Bros. C. J. Hohl, H. Vigeon, C. A. B. Brown, E. W. Klotz, H. A. Taylor and Geo. Kappel, P. M's.
- No. 327. *The Hammond, Wardsville.*
W. Bro. J. T. McKillop, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 328. *Ionic, Napier.*
R. W. Bro. W. J. Ward, Proxy.
- No. 329. *King Solomon's, Jarvis.*
R. W. Bro. T. L. M. Tipton, Proxy.
- No. 330. *Corinthian, London East.*
W. Bros. Thos. Jones, W. M.; R. Bonney, P. M.
- No. 331. *Fordwich, Fordwich.*
W. Bro. S. Brown, P. M.
- No. 332. *Stratford, Stratford.*
W. Bro. W. Gillespie, W. M.; Bros. W. H. Whitchurch, S. W.; W. H. Neil, J. W.; W. Bros. J. S. Moore and J. A. Macfudden, P. M's.
- No. 333. *Prince Arthur, Flesherton.*
W. Bro. R. J. Sproule, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 334. *Prince Arthur, Arthur.*
W. Bro. T. J. Phillips, P. M.
- No. 336. *Highgate, Highgate.*
W. Bro. P. N. Davey, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 338. *Dufferin, Wellandport.*
W. Bro. J. E. Cohoe, W. M.; Bros. H. Gracey, S. W.; W. E. Shafley, J. W.; W. Bro. George Lee, P. M.
- No. 339. *Orient, Toronto.*
W. Bro. R. E. Bailey, W. M.; Bro. W. J. Chick, S. W.; W. Bros. J. Hewitt, Ira Bates, J. MacFarlane, F. H. Anderson, G. S. Cleland, A. B. Crosby and John Jones, P. M's.
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R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, Proxy.
- No. 343. *Georgina, North Toronto.*
W. Bro. C. C. Whale, W. M.; Bros. M. T. Lester, S. W.; A. L. Malone, J. W.

- No. 344. *Merrill, Dorchester.*
V. W. Bro. E. T. Shaw, P. M.; Proxy.
- No. 345. *Nilestown, Nilestown.*
V. W. Bro. E. T. Shaw, Proxy.
- No. 346. *The Occident, Toronto.*
W. Bro. E. M. Donovan, W. M.; Bro. F. Prince, S. W.; W. Bros. R. Charlton, S. B. Pollard and J. Williams, P. M's.
- No. 347. *Mercer, Fergus.*
W. Bro. J. B. Bayne, W. M.
- No. 348. *Georgian, Penetanguishene.*
Bro. J. J. Whalen, J. W.
- No. 352. *Granite, Parry Sound.*
Bro. W. E. Foot, S. W.; W. Bro. W. G. Jessop, S. W.
- No. 354. *Brock, Cannington.*
W. Bro. H. S. Bingham, P. M.
- No. 356. *River Park, Streetsville.*
W. Bro. R. H. McClung, W. M.
- No. 357. *Waterdown, Waterdown.*
R. W. Bro. T. McCallum, Proxy.
- No. 358. *Delaware Valley, Delaware.*
W. Bros. J. R. Hammond W. M.; W. C. Harris, P. M.
- No. 359. *Vittoria, Vittoria.*
R. W. Bro. W. Kennedy, P. M.
- No. 360. *Muskoka, Bracebridge.*
W. Bro. J. W. Bettes, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber, P. M.
- No. 361. *Waverley, Guelph.*
Bro. J. A. Ross, S. W.; R. W. Bro. C. Pettiford, and W. Bro. R. Howie, P. M's.
- No. 362. *Maple Leaf, Tara.*
W. Bro. T. J. McNally, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Thos. Wilson, and V. W. Bro. A. McDonald, P. M's.
- No. 367. *St. George, Toronto.*
W. Bro. W. B. Phillips, W. M.; Bros. F. Denton, S. W.; J. J. Thompson, J. W.; V. W. Bro. A. G. Horwood and W. Bros. W. T. Barker, J. Hetherington, L. B. Montgomery, E. G. Howse, J. T. Jones, Wm. Riddle and W. J. Guy, P. M's.
- No. 368. *Salem, Brockville.*
W. Bro. B. J. Saunders, W. M.
- No. 369. *Mimico, Lambton Mills.*
W. Bro. C. Aymer, W. M.; Bro. A. R. Linton, S. W.; W. Bros. J. Sabiston, J. M. Cotton and J. T. Gilmour, P. M's.
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W. Bro. Omer Brown, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 371. *Prince of Wales, Ottawa.*
W. Bros. W. Borthwick, W. M.; G. S. Macfarlane, P. M.
- No. 372. *Palmer Victoria.*
W. Bro. F. Spain, W. M.; R. W. Bro. A. B. Hurrell and W. Bro. J. G. Watts, P. M's.
- No. 373. *Copestone, Welland.*
W. Bro. C. Swayze, P. M.
- No. 374. *Keene, Keene.*
W. Bro. J. M. Shaw, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 375. *Lorne, Omemee.*
V. W. Bro. R. Max Dennistoun, Proxy

- No. 376. *Unity, Huntsville.*
W. Bro. J. R. Race, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 377. *Lorne, Shelburne.*
W. Bro. T. F. Brown; Bro. J. Symington, J. W.; W. Bro. J. Clarey, P. M.
- No. 378. *King Solomon's, London West.*
W. Bro. A. B. Greer, Proxy.
- No. 379. *Middlesex, Bryanston.*
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, Proxy.
- No. 380. *Union, London.*
W. Bros. N. McNeil, W. M.; H. Stratfold, P. M.
- No. 382. *Doric, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. J. Cheyne, P. M., Proxy; V. W. Bro. R. E. Gallagher, and W. Bros. C. V. Emory and J. Dixon, P. M.'s.
- No. 383. *Henderson, Winchester.*
W. Bro. S. S. Reveler, W. M.
- No. 384. *Alpha, Toronto.*
W. Bro. G. L. Lennox, W. M.; Bros. J. Ingham, S. W.; J. W. St. John, J. W.; V. W. Bro. E. J. Voss, and W. Bros. G. S. Booth, C. R. Sparling, S. Horton, R. B. Aylesworth and S. Hobbs, P. M.'s.
- No. 385. *Spry, Alliston.*
W. Bro. H. S. Matthews, W. M.; Bro. W. Nichol, S. W.; W. R. Bro. J. R. Croft, P. M.
- No. 387. *Lansdowne, Lansdowne.*
W. Bros. J. A. Bradley, P. M., Proxy; Rev. S. Tighe, P. M.
- No. 388. *Henderson, Ilberton.*
W. Bro. D. A. Graham, Proxy; R. W. Bro. T. E. Robson, P. M.
- No. 390. *Florence, Florence.*
W. Bro. J. B. Carscallen, Proxy.
- No. 391. *Howard, Ridgetown.*
R. W. Bros. B. Paine, W. M.; J. A. C. Anderson, P. M.
- No. 392. *Huron, Camlachie.*
W. Bros. S. W. Trusler, P. M., Proxy; A. Trusler, P. M.
- No. 394. *King Solomon's, Thamesford.*
W. Bro. F. Patterson, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 395. *Parvaim, Comber.*
W. Bro. A. J. Brown, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 396. *Cedar, Wiarton.*
W. Bros. James Symon, W. M.; J. Walmsley, P. M.
- No. 397. *Leopold, Brigden.*
R. W. Bro. W. J. Ward, P. M.
- No. 398. *Victoria, Victoria Road.*
W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Chaffe, P. M.
- No. 399. *Moffatt, Harrietsville.*
W. Bro. R. Thomas P. M., Proxy
- No. 400. *Oakville, Oakville.*
W. Bro. W. Joyce, W. M.; Bro. W. H. Robinson, J. W.; V. W. Bro. W. A. Ferrah, P. M.
- No. 401. *Craig, Deseronto.*
W. Bro. R. Geddes, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 402. *Central, Essex Centre.*
W. Bro. R. J. Shaw, W. M.

- No. 403. *Windsor, Windsor.*
W. Bro. R. F. Golden, W. M.; R. W. Bros. E. S. Wigle,
and J. E. D'Avignon, P. M's.
- No. 405. *Mattawa, Mattawa.*
W. Bros. John Mackay, P. M., Proxy; J. de Sousa, P. M.
- No. 408. *Murray, Beaverton.*
W. Bro. Alex. Dobson, W. M.
- No. 409. *Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.*
W. Bros. A. A. Mowry, P. M., Proxy; J. C. Davidson,
P. M.
- No. 410. *Zeta, Toronto.*
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W. Bro. C. F. Mansell and W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, P. M's.
- No. 411. *Rodney, Rodney.*
W. Bro. J. B. Stinson, W. M.
- No. 412. *Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.*
W. Bro. R. H. Knight, W. M.; Bro. J. M. Weymss, S.
W.; R. W. Bro. W. I. Bradley and W. Bro. D. Bole, P. M's.
- No. 414. *Pequonga, Rat Portage.*
V. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, P. M. Proxy.
- No. 415. *Fort William, Fort William.*
W. Bro. A. More, Proxy.
- No. 416. *Lyn, Lyn.*
W. Bro. A. E. Cumming, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 417. *Keswatin, Keewatin Mills.*
V. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, Proxy.
- No. 418. *Maxville, Maxville.*
W. Bro. S. Henry, P. M, Proxy.
- No. 419. *Bismarck, Point Edward.*
W. Bro. B. F. George, W. M.
- No. 420. *Nipissing, North Bay.*
W. Bro. W. B. Way, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Burgess,
P. M.
- No. 421. *Scott, Grand Valley.*
W. Bro. J. D. Watson, W. M.; Bro. H. Huffman, J. W.;
R. W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins, P. M.
- No. 422. *Star of the East, Bothwell.*
W. Bro. W. R. Hickey, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 423. *Strong, Sundridge.*
Bro. W. D. Aldgo, S. W.
- No. 424. *Doric, Pickering.*
W. Bro. John Gormley, P. M.
- No. 425. *St. Clair, Port Lambton.*
W. Bro. J. H. Lambert, Proxy.
- No. 426. *Stanley, Toronto Junction.*
W. Bro. C. H. Batt, W. M.; Bro. J. R. Royce, J. W.; W.
Bros. H. C. Fowler, W. J. Sheppard, G. W. Clendinan
and J. A. Ellis, P. M's.
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W. Bro. W. H. Howie, P. M.
- No. 428. *Fidelity, Port Perry.*
Bro. R. G. Shier, S. W.
- No. 430. *Acacia, East Toronto.*
W. Bro. J. Richardson, W. M : Bro. John Parsell, J. W.;
W. Bro. W. P. McMaster, P. M.

No. 431. *Moravian, Eden Grove.*

R. W. Bro. W. A. Green, Proxy.

No. 432. *Hanover, Hanover.*

W. Bro. R. Sypher, W. M.

No. 433. *Bonnechere, Egansville.*

W. Bro. Frank Purvis, W. M.

No. 434. *Algouquin, Emsdale.*

W. Bro. A. Kilpatrick, W. M.

The M. W. the Grand Master, granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. D. Spry, and

Resolved,—That the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-ninth Annual Communication, held in the City of Hamilton, on the 18th and 19th days of July, A. D. 1894, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following address to the brethren assembled in Grand Communication :—

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

I have much pleasure in welcoming you to this the 40th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

We have gathered here from all parts of the jurisdiction, animated, I trust, by one object—the advancement of the best interests of Masonry.

It will be the duty of Grand Lodge to discuss and legislate upon such questions as may be brought before it, and I have no doubt such matters as may engage your attention will be dealt with in that spirit of judicial fairness that has always characterized the proceedings at our annual communications.

My duty on this occasion is to call your attention in as brief a manner as possible to the work done during the year, and to put before you such matters as I may consider worthy of your attention either now or at some future time.

Before doing so I deem it right to express to you my very sincere appreciation of the high honor you conferred upon me last year in almost unanimously placing me in the exalted position of Ruler of the Craft in this jurisdiction. I assure

you, in all honesty and sincerity, that I know of no position in the gift of any body of men in the land that could confer higher honor upon the recipient. But I am aware that the high honors attending the position of Grand Master are attended with great responsibilities. If I have failed to satisfy your high expectations, I shall make neither apology nor excuse. If, however, I have come within reasonable reach of these expectations I shall be more than satisfied when I know that I am weighed in the same balance as the long line of illustrious and able Masons who have preceded me in the occupancy of this chair.

The year has been marked by no Masonic event of importance. I have not been called upon to decide any questions of great moment. Our relations with other Grand Lodges have been most cordial, and, within our own jurisdiction, I think I am safe in saying that scarcely a ripple of discord has disturbed that peace and harmony, which seem to have become the normal condition of this Grand Lodge. I am pleased to be able to say that the record for this year as set out in the reports of the D. D. G. M's. of the different districts shows an ever increasing interest in the work and a healthy condition generally existing among the private lodges.

DEDICATIONS.

The best possible evidence of the healthy condition of the Order is the number of new Lodge Rooms I have been called upon to dedicate during the year; all of them comfortable, convenient, and, in some cases, luxurious homes for the Craft during both labor and refreshment.

The following is a list of the Lodge Rooms dedicated :

At Windsor, on Sept. 27th, 1894, by myself.

At Hanover, on Nov. 9th, 1894, by R. W. Bro. Thos. Wilson, D. D. G. M.

At Pembroke, on Nov. 22nd, 1894, by myself.

At St. Thomas, on Jan. 14th, 1895, by myself.

At Wyoming, on March 14th, 1895, by myself.

At Galt, on April 26th, 1895, by myself.

At Aylmer, on Nov. 5th, 1894, by P. G. M. M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, and at Thamesford, on Feb. 7th, 1895, by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M. P., D. G. M.

While upon this subject it may not be out of place for me to suggest that in most of the cities and large towns in the jurisdiction, efforts should be made to acquire property in

business localities and by means of joint stock companies, or otherwise erect suitable buildings. The income that could be derived from the portions of the buildings rented for business purposes, ought to, in most cases, in time, pay for the buildings, or, at all events, pay good interest upon the investment.

BY-LAWS.

I have had transmitted to me for approval during the year a large number of by-laws, which have been revised or amended by the several lodges forwarded the same. I regret that in many cases they had to be returned for further revision and alteration, either from some informality in the by-laws submitted, or because they conflicted with the constitution. It would be advisable that lodges should exercise more care in these matters, and thus save a great deal of unnecessary correspondence both on the part of the Grand Secretary and myself.

CORNER STONES.

On the 28th of September, 1894, I laid the corner stone of the New Town Hall at Cayuga, in presence of a large number of the brethren and of the citizens of the town and surrounding country, and on the 16th May, 1895, M. W. Bro. Walkem, at my request, laid the corner-stone of St. Jude's Church (Anglican), at Napanee Mills.

CEREMONIES.

At the different Masonic functions in which I have taken part during the year, I have found the book of Ceremonies prepared and issued under the authority and during the regime of my immediate predecessor, M. W. Bro. Gibson, of great value and assistance, and I have no doubt it has been of inestimable value to the various D. D. G. M's.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

The following dispensations for new lodges have been granted :

Bonnechere Lodge at Eganville on 23rd October, 1894 ;
Algonquin Lodge at Emsdale on 11th May, 1895.

RULINGS.

I have not been called upon to make many rulings during the year, although the usual plethora of questions has been asked. In every case where a hypothetical query was put in the usual "A. B. C. D." form, I have declined answering, on

the ground that I did not consider it any part of the Grand Master's duty to furnish the brother asking the question with ammunition wherewith to bombard some brother who held different views.

In every instance where a real difference of opinion existed upon a point which involved the government of the lodge, or a real live issue between its members, I did not hesitate to decide according to the best of my judgment. I am pleased to say that I have had less, perhaps, of this work to do than most of my predecessors.

The subject which I found the most trouble in dealing with was the question of physical qualifications. In all such cases I felt constrained to leave the matter to the W. M. or D. D. G. M., who could personally see whether the candidate could comply with the requirements of the constitution or not. I regret very much that my views on this subject differ slightly from those expressed by some former Grand Masters. I favor a liberal interpretation of the constitution rather than a strict one. I think, if a candidate possesses the necessary mental and moral qualifications, it would be a great hardship if he should be deprived of the benefits of masonry because he has some slight physical defect which prevents him from absolutely, and in the most perfect manner, complying with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge.

LEGISLATION.

Your attention will be directed to several amendments to the constitution, proposed to be made at this session of Grand Lodge, and, without in any way seeking to influence Grand Lodge, either for or against any of the proposed legislation, I deem it my duty to address you a few words of caution upon the subject. I have always thought, and still think, that Grand Lodge should hasten slowly in making amendments to the constitution. If anything is found to work either injury to the Craft or an injustice to any large number of individual Masons, then, it is not only your right but your duty to so amend the Constitution as to remedy the evil. But let me remind you that no system of human laws has yet been devised which, while doing perfect justice in 99 cases, may not do injustice in the 100th. Unless, therefore, the wrong is widespread and glaring, it may be as well to let matters remain as they are.

On the question of abolishing representatives to other Grand Lodges, while there may be strong arguments in favor of such a course, it must be borne in mind that they cost us nothing,

and may be both useful and ornamental. At all events, they form a sentimental link in the chain of fraternal courtesies, that are constantly being exchanged between our Grand Lodge and other friendly Grand bodies.

An attempt will be made to settle the much vexed question of the residence of a candidate; let us hope it will prove successful.

You will also be asked to restrict or regulate the practice of permitting other than the recognized work of this Grand Lodge in private lodges. Many will think this a move in the right direction, and that the working of a different ritual in our lodges upon certain occasions is not beneficial. I trust this matter will receive your serious consideration.

Other matters of which notice have been given are:—A reorganization of that very useful body the Board of General Purposes; the centralization of Grand Lodge; the appointment of certain Grand Lodge officers now elected. The old, and well-discussed question of transacting the business of private lodges in the third degree, and a proposed amendment in the manner of voting in private lodges. All these matters are worthy of, and no doubt will receive your careful consideration. Let us hope that we may all be guided to proper decisions in these different subjects.

REMOVAL OF LODGES.

During the year, a lodge was, by the consent of the D. D. G. M., moved from one place to another. This occasioned considerable adverse comment and representations were made to me respecting the same. On looking into the matter, I found that, by clause 69 of the Constitution, the D. D. G. M. has the power to give or refuse his consent in such a case. And, as no charge of irregularity or impropriety was made, I did not feel at liberty to arbitrarily cancel the consent given by the D. D. G. M. I felt bound to assume that, acting within his powers, he had acted properly, and that if the parties concerned felt aggrieved they could appeal to Grand Lodge which would meet shortly. It may be well to consider, in the light of this case, whether the powers of D. D. G. M's., in such matters, should not be restricted somewhat.

CANVASSING FOR OFFICE.

Representations have been made to me that the practice of canvassing for office is becoming prevalent in both private lodges and Grand Lodge, and having been convinced, through developments made in an appeal against the election

of an officer in a certain private lodge, that the most open and unblushing canvassing had taken place in that particular instance, I deem it my duty to condemn as strongly as possible any such practice. Friends may speak well of one whose merits and ability entitle him to be promoted to office in either private lodge or Grand Lodge, but the making of slates, the pledging of brethren to vote one way or the other, and all the wiles and dodges so well known to the politicians, are utterly foreign to the genius and spirit of Masonry, and should be most emphatically frowned upon and discountenanced by every true Mason. Let us hope, for the credit of Grand Lodge, as well as private lodges, that this evil does not exist to any alarming extent, and that the representations made to me are either without foundation or somewhat exaggerated.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have endeavored, in so far as my other pressing public and private business would allow me, to visit nearly every part of the jurisdiction during the past year, either for the purpose of presiding over Special Communications of Grand Lodge, or to attend social gatherings of the brethren in Masonic centres. Everywhere have I been received, personally, in the heartiest and most hospitable manner, and officially, with that respect and loyalty to the office I hold, which has always characterized the Masons of this jurisdiction.

A very pleasant feature of some of these gatherings was the presence of large numbers of ladies, especially at Kingston, at the centennial celebration of the Ancient St. John's Lodge, at London at the Masonic Conversazione, and at Windsor and Pembroke, on the occasion of the dedication of their new halls. An equally noticeable, and, to me, a most gratifying feature, was the almost total absence of wines and other intoxicants at these festive gatherings—strong proof, if such were needed, that the Masons may be safely left to deal with this question without the necessity of any arbitrary legislation by Grand Lodges.

INVESTMENTS.

At the last meeting of the Board of General Purposes, a resolution was passed authorizing me to inquire into the status of the investments of Grand Lodge, and obtain, if necessary, a legal opinion as to the position of these investments, and the order in which they rank in value as assets or claims upon the various societies concerned ; and further, that if after such examination, I thought a change necessary in investment, the

matter should be reported to the Finance Committee for immediate action and investment under my direction.

I obtained the legal opinion of M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., which will be submitted for your information. His view was that, as holders of the debentures of the several institutions in which Grand Lodge funds are invested, we ranked equally with depositors and other creditors upon the assets of the Company, and that depositors had no higher or better right or claim upon the Company, its assets or estate. Fortified with this opinion, which I may say is the same as I myself had formed, and being assured by several leading financiers that there was no suspicion of the absolute solvency of any of these institutions, I did not consider a change in investment necessary. But, in order to continue the investments as they were, we should have to take renewed debentures of the Company, extending over a term of years, and by some oversight, no doubt, the resolution does not in specific terms give me that authority, and I declined assuming the responsibility of re-investing. I laid the whole matter before a special meeting of the Finance Committee, and it was decided that the moneys should be allowed to remain on deposit with the several companies, the Grand Secretary having arranged what interest should be allowed us until this meeting of Grand Lodge, when you will no doubt be able to deal satisfactorily with the question of re-investing these funds. I may be permitted to suggest that in case of securities hereafter maturing during recess, a committee composed of the chairman of the Finance Committee, the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary should have general powers to re-invest in such securities as they may consider safe.

APPOINTMENT.

Right Wor. Bro. Rowat, D. D. G. M., of London District No. 3, having removed from the jurisdiction, I appointed R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, G. J. W., acting D. D. G. M. for the balance of R. W. Bro. Rowat's term of office. R. W. Bro. Cooper has discharged the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of the district and myself, and I further recommend that R. W. Bro. Cooper be given the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

A WORTHY ASSOCIATION.

The General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, established some years ago for the protection of

the Craft in the distribution of funds for the relief of worthy applicants, is rendering excellent service. In our own jurisdiction the experience, since Grand Lodge affiliated, has been most satisfactory, and the recent affiliations of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and other bodies, indicate a growing appreciation of the wisdom of our well-timed action in affiliating eight years ago.

CLOSING OBSERVATIONS.

I have thus, my brethren, endeavored, as briefly as possible, to lay before you the record of the past year, and to make such suggestions as my past year's experience have led me to believe might be useful to you. But before closing my address, I desire to say that my year of office has been rendered peculiarly pleasant to me by the cordial support I have received from every Grand Lodge officer.

The Deputy Grand Master, Wardens, Chaplain and other officers have made great personal sacrifices, and travelled long distances to aid me in the performance of my duties. I appreciate, to the fullest extent, their kindness and loyalty to me, personally, and their devotion to the interest of the Craft. To my predecessors in office, I have been much indebted for their ever ready counsel and assistance. The experience gained by them during their years of office has been always most readily and generously placed at my service, and that living encyclopedia of Masonic knowledge, the Grand Secretary, has always been ready to furnish me with information and data, drawn from that inexhaustable storehouse, of which he alone possesses the key.

I feel, indeed, that I have been especially fortunate.

Let us, while thanking the G. A. O. T. U. for the peace and harmony that exists among us, and for our very satisfactory progress during the year, pray most earnestly for a continuance of these blessings.

WM. R. WHITE,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved—That the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

M. W. Bro. the Hon. W. Wedderburn, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and R. W. Bro. W. B. Alley, Past Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, were announced, introduced and welcomed with grand honors

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I beg to present to Grand Lodge my Annual Report containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year and the expenditures made, with return of subordinate lodges as at June 24, 1895, and ledger balances to May 31st, 1895, together with, by the instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of the Especial Communications summoned, dispensations issued, by laws and amendments thereto approved, Grand Representatives appointed, and other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

The receipts and expenditure from 1st June, 1894, to 31st May, 1895, have been as follows :

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Certificates \$ 2,503 00	Grand Secretary's salary \$1,600 00
Dues 10,999 75	Grand Secretary's assistant's salary 800 00
Fees 1,587 75	Grand Treasurer's salary 200 00
Dispensations 224 00	Rent of Grand Secretary's office to 30th Sept., 1895 262 50
Constitutions 407 50	Miss Place, stenographer, salary 300 00
Warrants 10 00	Grand Secretary, balance for incidentals to 31st May, '94 93 94
Commutations 165 00	Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals to 31st May, '95 500 00
P. M. Certificates 9 00	Expenses Board of General Purposes 770 10
Fees for Healing 70 00	
Miscellaneous 145 50	
Asylum Fund Interest 431 00	
General Fund Interest 3,157 84	
Carried forward 19,710 34	Carried forward \$4,526 54

Brought forward.....\$19,710 34

Brought forward..... \$4,526 54

J. Eastwood & Co., stationery.....	88 09
Robt. Duncan & Co., binding books.....	23 80
The "Telegram," printing ceremonies.....	100 00
Rent of Court House and sundry expenses meeting of Gr'd Lodge	98 50
R. W. Bro. D. Collins, expenses incurred by authority of the G. M.	38 50
M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, his travelling expenses for two years	400 00
Copp, Clark & Co., printing warrants and certificates	290 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100 00
R. W. Bro. F. Goodier, expenses re Moore Lodge, 294.....	25 00
Masonic Relief Association, United States and Canada	110 00
Times Printing Co., printing reports.....	71 75
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	50 00
R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, expenses benevolent investigation	378 95
Hunter, Rose & Co., in full of acc't for print'g	84 21
R. W. Bro. W. Webster, expenses re Marmora and Stirling Lodges..	8 00
Legal expenses and expenses of Finance Com. re investments	93 00
Mrs. Hodd, repairing regalia	21 20
Address and testimonial to M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson	300 00
Spectator Printing Co., on account of Printing	1,000 00
Expenses meeting of Grand Lodge at Thamesford	16 95
Insurance on regalia ..	17 50
Orders on benevolence.	9,396 25

Total,\$19,710 34

Total.....\$17,238 24

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, Especial Communications of Grand Lodge were called :

On the 28th of September, 1894, at the village of Cayuga, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Town Hall, M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C., Grand Master, officiating.

On the 16th May, 1895, at the village of Napanee Mills, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. Jude's Church (Anglican) M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C., P. G. M., officiating as Grand Master.

DEDICATIONS.

By instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following halls have been dedicated for Craft purposes during the year :

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, and Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor, on the 27th September, 1894, M. W., Bro. W. R. White, Q. C., Grand Master, officiating.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton, on the 12th September, 1894, R. W. Bro. A. R. Rowat, D. D. G. M., officiating.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer, on the 5th November, 1894, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q. C., Past Grand Master, officiating.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William, on the 7th November, 1894, R. W. Bro. W. I. Bradley, D. D. G. M. officiating.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover, on the 9th November, 1894, R. W. Bro. Thos. Wilson, D. D. G. M., officiating.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke, on the 22nd November, 1894, M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C., Grand Master, officiating.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas, on the 14th January, 1895, M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C., Grand Master, officiating.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford, on the 7th February, 1895, R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, Deputy Grand Master officiating.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming, on the 14th March, 1895, M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C., Grand Master, officiating.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, and Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt, on the 26th April, 1895, M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C., Grand Master, officiating.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

The M. W. the Grand Master, on the 23rd October, 1894, issued a dispensation to Bonnechere Lodge, Eganville, Ottawa,

District No. 16, and on the 11th May, 1895, a dispensation to Algonquin Lodge, Emsdale, Nipissing District No 18.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. R. A. Klock, of Klock's Mills, has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes.

And on the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Maryland, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. John Hiltz, of Baltimore, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, near the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. Woodward Abrahams.

REVISION OF LODGE BY-LAWS.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the By-laws of the following Lodges :

Sept. 18th, 1894....	Hanover Lodge	No. 432, Hanover.
Oct. 15th, 1894....	Mattawa Lodge	" 405, Mattawa.
Nov. 10th, 1894....	Beaver Lodge	" 234, Clarksburg.
Jany. 17th, 1895....	Alma Lodge	" 72, Galt.
Jany. 31st, 1895....	St. David's Lodge	" 302, St. Thomas
Feby. 21st, 1895....	St. Francis' Lodge	" 24, Smith's Falls.
April 1st, 1895....	Clementi Lodge.	" 313, Lakefield.
May 4th, 1895....	Stevenson Lodge	" 218, Toronto.
May 25th, 1895....	Unity Lodge	" 376, Huntsville.
May 25th, 1895....	St. John's Lodge	" 17, Cobourg.
May 29th, 1895....	Eureka Lodge	" 283, Belleville.
June 29th, 1895....	Moir Lodge	" 11, Belleville.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of amendments to the By-laws of the following lodges :

Aug. 30th, 1894....	Minerva Lodge	No. 304, Stroud.
Nov. 23rd, 1894....	Tecumseh Lodge	" 144, Stratford.
Dec. 10th, 1894....	Strict Observance Lodge	" 27, Hamilton.
Jan. 3rd, 1895....	Ayr Lodge	" 172, Ayr.
Jan. 7th, 1895....	Wingham Lodge	" 286, Wingham.
Jan. 7th, 1895....	The Spry Lodge	" 406, Fenelon Falls.
Jan. 18th, 1895....	Craig Lodge	" 401, Deseronto.
Feb. 2nd, 1895....	Victoria Lodge	" 56, Sarnia.
Feb. 26th, 1895....	St. John's Lodge	No. 75, Toronto.
April 11th, 1895....	Frederick Lodge	" 217, Delhi.
May 13th, 1895....	Wilmot Lodge	" 318, Baden.
May 27th, 1895....	Zeta Lodge	" 410, Toronto.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued, by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following dispensations from July 13th, 1894, to July 12, 1895 :

DISPENSATIONS.

DATE.		No. OF LODGE.	NAME AND PLACE OF LODGE.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.	TO
July	25, 1894	174	Walsingham, Port Rowan	" Attend Divine Service.	" Attend Divine Service.
"	31, "	116	Cassia, Thedford	" "	" Install Divine Service.
Aug.	21, "	278	Mystic, Roslin	" "	" Install Officers.
Oct.	10, "	3	The Ancient St. John's, Kingston	" "	" Attend an At-Home.
Nov.	5, "	116	Cassia, Thedford	" "	" Initiate out of Jurisdiction.
"	19, "	22	King Solomon's, Toronto	" "	" Attend an At-Home.
"	23, "	380	Union, London	" "	" Attend an Entertainment.
Dec.	3, "	229	Ionic, Brampton	" "	" Attend an At-Home.
"	4, "	301	Minerva, Stroud	" "	" Elect and Install Officers.
"	4, "	403	Windsor, Windsor	" "	" Attend a Ball.
"	5, "	371	Prince of Wales, Ottawa	" "	" Elect Officers.
"	6, "	72	Alma, Galt	" "	" Change day of Regular Meeting.
"	8, "	247	Ashlar, Toronto	" "	" Change day of Regular Meeting.
"	17, "	361	Waverley, Guelph	" "	" Change day of Regular Meeting.
"	20, "	44	St. Thomas, St. Thomas	" "	" Attend Divine Service.
"	27, "	376	Unity, Huntsville	" "	" Install Officers.
"	28, "	27	Strict Observance, Hamilton	" "	" Attend Divine Service.
"	28, "	263	Forest, Forest	" "	" Initiate out of Jurisdiction.
"	28, "	93	Northern Light, Kincardine	" "	" Attend an At-Home.
"	29, "	231	Beaver, Clarksburg	" "	" Install Officers.
Jan.	3, "	212	St. George, St. George	" "	" Install Officers.
"	3, "	228	Prince Arthur, Odessa	" "	" Install Officers.
"	5, "	106	Barford, Barford	" "	" Install Officers.
"	5, "	364	Dufferin, Melbourne	" "	" Install Officers.
"	5, "	186	Plantaganet, Plantaganet	" "	" Install Officers.
"	7, "	159	Goodwood, Richmond	" "	" Install Officers.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.		No. of LODGE.	NAME AND PLACE OF LODGE.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Jan.	12,	74	St. James, Maitland.....	To Install Officers.
"	12,	21 ^a	St. John's, VanKleeck Hill	Install Officers.
"	12,	147	Mississippi, Almonte.....	Install Officers.
"	16,	159	Goodwood, Richmond.....	Install Officers.
"	17,	99	Tuscan, Newmarket.....	Attend an At-Home.
"	22,	292	Robertson, King	Elect Officers.
"	22,	339	Orient, Toronto.....	Attend an At Home.
"	22,	311	Blackwood, Woodbridge.....	Attend an At-Home.
"	22,	295	Patterson, Thornhill	Install Officers.
"	24,	567	St. George, Toronto.....	Elect and Install Officers.
"	25,	90	Manito, Collingwood	Attend an At-Home.
"	28,	223	Norwood, Norwood.....	Elect Officers.
"	30,	15	St. George, St. Catharines	Occupy temporary rooms.
"	30,	384	Alpha, Toronto	Attend an At Home.
Feby.	4,	334	Prince Arthur, Arthur.....	Install Officers.
"	7,	430	Acacia, East Toronto.....	Attend an At-Home.
"	7,	346	The Occident, Toronto.....	Attend an At Home.
"	19,	408	Murray, Beaverton.....	Attend an At-Home.
"	20,	421	Scott, Grand Valley	Install Officers.
"	25,	159	Goodwood, Richmond	"
Mar.	14,	306	Durham, Durham	Attend an At-Home.
"	22,	86	Wilson, Toronto	"
"	25,	63	St. John's Carleton Place	Install Officers.
April	6,	343	Georgina, Toronto.....	Elect and Install Officers.
"	9,	326	Zetland, Toronto	Attend at At-home.
"	18,	292	Robertson, King	Install Officers.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.		No. OF LODGE.	NAME AND PLACE OF LODGE.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
May	14,	326	Zetland, Toronto	To Change Day of Regular Meeting.
"	21,	343	Georgina, Toronto.	" " " "
June	17,	201	Leeds, Gananoque	" Attend Divine Service.
"	18,	311	Blackwood, Woodbridge	" Attend Divine Service.
"	21,	136	Richardson, Stouffville	" Install Officers.
"	22,	354	Brock, Cannington	" Attend Divine Service.
"	22,	90	Manito, Collingwood	" Attend Divine Service.
"	22,	157	Simpson, Newboro	" Attend Divine Service.
"	22,	184	Old Light Lucknow	" Attend Divine Service.
"	22,	115	Ivy, Beamsville	" Attend Divine Service.
"	25,	135	St. Clair, Milton	" Attend Divine Service.
July	2,	235	Aldworth, Paisley	" Install Officers.
"	6,	186	Plantagenet, Plantagenet	" Attend Divine Service.
"	6,	343	Georgina, Toronto	" Change day of regular meeting
"	8	250	Thistle, Embro	" Install Officers.

Fraternally submitted.

R. J. Mason
Grand Secretary.

HAMILTON, July 12th, 1895.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—

I herewith submit my Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of Grand Lodge, for the year ending 31st May, 1895.

The Balance at credit of Grand Lodge at 31st May, 1894, was..... \$ 8,014 78

During the year I have received from the Grand Secretary, the following sums, viz: on account of General Fund.....	\$20,367 47
on account of Asylum Fund.....	431 00
	20,798 47
	\$28,813 25

The expenditure for general purposes during the year was.....	\$ 7,841 99
For Benevolence	9,396 25
	17,238 24

Balance at credit of Current Account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 3rd day of June, 1895, as per acknowledgement of Bank officials to the statement \$11,575 01

The funds of Grand Lodge amounted at the 31st May, 1895, to the sum of \$86,575.01, as shown by attached balance sheet; \$75,000 is invested in the debentures of loan companies, the smallest sum invested in any one company being \$5,000, and the highest \$15,000.

The debentures are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping.

The attached balance sheet shows the amount at the credit of the General Fund and the Asylum Fund respectively, on the 31st May, 1895, and the sums invested in the respective companies and the rates of interest.

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with HUGH MURRAY, Grand Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1894.

July	31—	Paid Assistant to Grand Secretary to 30th June.	\$ 200 00
"	31—	" Masonic Hall Association rent to 30th Sept. 1894	87 50
"	31—	" Stenographer in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th June	75 00
"	31—	" Grand Secretary's salary to date	400 00
"	31—	" Grand Treasurer's salary to date	50 00
"	31—	" Grand Secretary, balance of incidental expenses to 31st May, 1894	93 94
"	31—	" Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals 1894-5	500 00
"	31—	" Expenses, Board of General Purposes	770 10
"	31—	" J. Eastwood & Co., stationery. etc.	88 09
"	31—	" Robert Duncan & Co., binding books.	23 80
"	31—	" "The Evening Telegram," printing ceremonies	100 00
"	31—	" Rent of Court House for Grand Lodge	50 00
"	31—	" D. Collins, expenses incurred by authority of G. M.	38 50
"	31—	" M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, his travelling expenses during two years as Grand Master	400 00
"	31—	" The Copp, Clarke Co., for printing warrant certificates	290 00
"	31—	" M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, for report on Foreign Correspondence	100 00
Aug.	31—	" F. Goodier, his expenses, commission re Moore Lodge No. 294	25 00
"	31—	" Annual Subscription General Masonic Relief Association	110 00
"	31—	" Times Printing Co., printing Reports	71 75
Sept.	30—	" Carpenter and Sundry Expenses at Grand Lodge	48 50
"	30—	" Guarantee Company of North America	50 00
"	30—	" Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	50 00
Oct.	31—	" Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th Sept.	400 00
"	31—	" Grand Secretary's salary to 30th Sept.	200 00
"	31—	" R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, on account expenses re benevolent investigation	200 00
"	31—	" Assistant to Grand Secretary to 30th Sept.	200 00
"	31—	" Stenographer in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th Sept.	75 00
Nov.	30—	" R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, on account of benevolent investigation	100 00
Dec.	31—	" Hunter, Rose & Co., in full of account to date	84 21
"	31—	" R. W. Bro. Wm. Webster expenses re investigation Marmora and Stirling Lodges	8 00

Dec. 31—	Paid Legal Expenses and Expenses Meeting of Finance Committee re investments . . .	93 00
“ 31—	“ R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon on account of benevolent investigation	50 00
1895.		
Jan. 31—	“ Mrs. G. Hodd, repairing Grand Steward's regalia	21 20
“ 31—	“ Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st Dec. . . .	50 00
“ 31—	“ For Address and Testimonial to M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson	300 00
“ 31—	“ Stenographer in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st Dec.	75 00
“ 31—	“ Masonic Hall Association rent to March 31st, 1895	87 50
“ 31—	“ Assistant to Grand Secretary to 31st Dec. . . .	200 00
“ 31—	“ Grand Secretary's salary to 31st Dec. . . .	400 00
“ 31—	“ Spectator Printing Co. on acc. printing . .	1000 00
Feb. 28—	“ R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, balance expenses benevolent investigation	28 95
“ 28—	“ Grand Secretary, expenses meeting of Grand Lodge at Thamesford	16 95
April 30—	“ Stenographer in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st Mar.	75 00
“ 30—	“ Masonic Hall Association, rent to Sept. 30th, 1895	87 50
“ 30—	“ Grand Secretary, salary to 31st Mar. . . .	400 00
“ 30—	“ Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st Mar.	200 00
“ 30—	“ Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st Mar. . . .	50 00
“ 30—	“ Manchester Fire Insurance Co., insurance on Regalia	17 50

1894. RECEIPTS. \$7,841 99

May 31—	By Balance as per balance sheet	\$69,402 03
June 3—	“ Grand Secretary	1,097 50
July 24—	“ “	6,000 00
Aug. 25—	“ “	1,000 00
Nov. 30—	“ “ interest on bank account	119 70
Dec. 31—	“ “	4,000 00
1895.		
Jan. 21—	“ “	1,500 00
May 3—	“ “	2,500 00
“ 23—	“ “	1,000 00
“ 31—	“ “ interest on bank account	94 77
“ 1—	“ “	3,100 00
June 3—	“ “	386 50
		<u>\$90,200 50</u>

1894. STATEMENT—ASYLUM FUND.

May 31—By balance as per balance sheet \$13,612 75

1895.

May 31—By Grand Secretary, income on investments 431 00

\$14,043 75

BALANCE SHEET, 31st MAY, 1895.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Canada, in account with HUGH MURRAY, Grand Treasurer.

DEBENTURES :		General Fund.....	\$72,531 26
		Asylum Fund ..	14,043 75
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London Loan Company of Canada, 1 per cent.	\$10,000 00		
Huron & Erie Loan Company, at 4½ per cent.	15,000 00		
Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., 4½ per cent.	10,000 00		
Canada Permanent Loan Co., 4½ per cent....	10,000 00		
Landed Banking and Loan Co., 4½ per cent..	10,000 00		
Landed Banking and Loan Co., 4½ per cent..	5,000 00		
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., 3½ per cent.	5,000 00		
Canada Savings and Loan Co., 4 per cent....	5,000 00		
Owen Sound, Grey & Bruce Loan and Savings Co., 5 per cent.....	5,000 00		
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Current Account :			
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, 3rd			
June, 1895.....		11,575 01	
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			\$86,575 01

We hereby certify that the debentures named and set forth in the above Balance Sheet are in the custody of the Bank for safe keeping, and the above mentioned balance of \$11,570.01 was at the credit of the current account of the Grand Lodge at the close of business on the 3rd June, 1895.

(Signed,)
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WM. ROBERTS, Manager
S. READ, Accountant.

Canadian Bank of Commerce.

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June. 1894.	August. 1894.
30 Mrs. John G. Galt....\$10 00	31 Mrs. Thos. Courtney. 20 00
30 Mrs. John B. Galt.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Geo. Godfrey... 15 00
30 Mrs. F. Elkington.... 10 00	31 Mrs. J. T. Dinsmore. 15 00
30 Mrs. Robt. J. McAuslan 15 00	31 Mrs. Angus R. Munro 10 00
July.	31 Mrs. S. Martelle Davis 20 00
31 Miss Mary Wilson.... 75 00	31 Mrs. Richard Flood.. 20 00
31 Miss Lillian M. Harris 18 75	31 Mrs. Jas. W. Crate... 25 00
31 Miss M. Harris..... 18 75	31 Mrs. M. T. Haney... 15 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson... 37 50	31 Mrs. Fred. W. Cooke. 15 00
31 W. M. Lodge, No. 93, re Farquharson.... 50 00	31 Mrs. S. McCullough.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Alex. Thomson. 20 00	31 Bro. Jas. Young..... 25 00
31 Mrs. Isaac Nelson.... 15 00	31 Mrs. W. W. Nash.... 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Crawford.. 10 00	31 Bro. John Scott..... 25 00
31 Mrs. John Pigott.... 15 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson. 20 00
31 Mrs. Johh Evans 15 00	31 Mrs. Thos. T. Vesey.. 15 00
31 Bro. Arch. Cowper... 20 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Johnston.. 10 00
31 B. of R., Windsor.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Geo. T. Porter.. 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Jolley.... 10 00	31 Mrs. R. Carey 10 00
31 Mrs. R. Phillips.... 15 00	31 Mrs. Jas. A. Blott.... 15 00
31 Bro. Horatis Wetherall 25 00	31 Mrs. Sam'l Waltho... 15 00
31 Mrs. J. R. L. Smith.. 15 00	31 Bro. J. C. Williams.. 25 00
31 B. of R., Ottawa..... 12 50	31 Mrs. Frank LeRoy... 5 00
31 Children of P. Varney 15 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Manning... 15 00
August.	31 Mrs. John Brogan... 10 00
31 Mrs. James Filton... 10 00	31 Mrs. Albert Stares... 20 00
31 Mrs. G. W. L. Rowed. 20 00	31 Mrs. Jas. J. Carter... 10 00
31 B. of R., Hamilton... 50 00	31 Bro. Ira C. Warner .. 25 00
31 Mrs. S. Phenix 15 00	31 Mrs. W. B. Wallace.. 15 00
31 Bro. Thos. H. Butler. 25 00	31 Bro. P. Meyers 20 00
31 Bro. John C. Woods.. 25 00	31 Mrs. McNeil Clark... 10 00
31 Mrs. David Scott 10 00	31 Mrs. Rich'd Swain... 20 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Hoskins... 10 00	31 Mrs. Chas. W. Wilmot 25 00
31 Mrs. John Kestevan.. 10 00	31 Bro. John Butterworth 20 00
31 Mrs. Wm. J. Smyth.. 10 00	31 Mrs. John Wright.... 10 00
31 Mrs. J. K. Oliver 10 00	31 Mrs. Geo. Rogers 10 00
31 Mrs. Geo. Grout..... 10 00	31 Bro. Jas. Rippon 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Sharp..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Alf'd Hill 10 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Widgery.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Woodrow... 10 00
31 Mrs. A. R. Paul..... 20 00	31 Mrs. Peter Patterson. 10 00
31 Mrs. R. Ratcliffe.... 10 00	31 Mrs. John Kennedy.. 10 00
31 Mrs. A. Lloyd..... 20 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Middleton.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Robt. Newbury. 10 00	31 Mrs. Jas. E. Bailey .. 5 00
31 Mrs. Thos. Lockerty. 20 00	31 Mrs. Thos. G. Shaw.. 10 00
31 Mrs. John A. McInnes 10 00	31 Mrs. E. A. Hind..... 20 00
31 Mrs. W. H. Ponton... 15 00	31 Mrs. Wm. McBurney. 20 00
31 Mrs. Andrew Milne.. 15 00	31 Widow and daughter of L. V. Perry 20 00
31 Bro. Joshua Parker.. 15 00	31 Mrs. Robt. C. Carter. 15 00
31 B. of R., Kingston... 25 00	31 Mrs. Jas. McGibney.. 10 00
31 B. of R., Brockville.. 15 00	31 Mrs. Geo. Sutton 10 00
31 B. of R., London 25 00	31 Bro. C. R. Barder... 25 00
31 Mrs. S. H. Blondheim 15 00	31 Board Relief Belleville 10 00

BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

August. 1894.	August. 1894.
31 Mrs. J. C. Bogart.... 10 00	31 Mrs. W. S. Pickhaver 10 00
31 Bro. John Munro 25 00	31 Mrs. Angus Kerr 10 00
31 Bro. Finlay McEd- wards..... 25 00	31 Mrs. W. H. Mathews. 10 00
31 Bro. Jas. Sullivan.... 25 00	31 Mrs. H. L. Kifner.... 10 00
31 Bro. Chas. J. Crooks . 15 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Rogers..... 5 00
31 Mrs. Jas. Miller..... 15 00	31 Mrs. Jacob McLearn.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Robt. Gibson ... 10 00	31 Mrs. Jno. W. Jackson 10 00
31 Mrs. Geo. Goslee..... 5 00	31 Mrs. Hy. Richardson. 10 00
31 Mrs. Jas. H. Wrigfit . 10 00	31 Mrs. John Vaugh 10 00
31 Mrs. David J. Hunter 20 00	31 Mrs. McKee Conklin. 15 00
31 Mrs. Alex. J. Short .. 20 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Blue..... 15 00
31 Mrs. Jas. McKillican. 20 00	31 Mrs. Thos. Armson .. 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Hill..... 10 00	31 B. of R., London.... 20 00
31 Mrs. Adam Petrie.... 10 00	31 Mrs. T. McLawrence. 10 00
31 Mrs. Alf'd Goldsmith. 15 00	31 Mrs. Jno. McKenzie.. 10 00
31 Mrs. D. W. Griffith .. 10 00	31 Mrs. T. D. Harrington 20 00
31 Mrs. Jos. Garbatt.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Edw'd A. Martin 15 00
31 Bro. Fred Devereaux. 20 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Black..... 15 00
31 Mrs. John Burton.... 5 00	31 Mrs. Thos. Clegg.... 10 00
31 Daughter T. Perley.. 10 00	31 Mrs. R. A. Sinclair... 10 00
31 Mrs. Ric'd Hill 10 00	31 Mrs. W. C. Jewell.... 10 00
31 Mother Jas. E. Cum- mins 15 00	31 Mrs. John Thompson 10 00
31 Mrs. A. E. Baker 20 00	31 Mrs. Thos. Sproule... 10 00
31 Daughter Steph. Smith 20 00	31 Mrs. Thos. G. Wescott 10 00
31 Bro. S. Townsend.... 25 00	31 Mrs. Peter Spence... 15 00
31 Mrs. Anthony Davey. 15 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Allen 10 00
31 Mrs. W. T. Jennings. 15 00	31 Bro. Edw'd McNalley 20 00
31 Daughter J. R. Steele 20 00	31 Mrs. W. H. Street.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Pat'k Barrett... 10 00	31 Mrs. T. S. Hubbard.. 10 00
31 Mrs. T. Johnston 20 00	31 Orphans Jas. G. Crow- ell..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Buskord... 10 00	31 Mrs. D. G. Bridgeport 15 00
31 Mrs. Robt. Taylor ... 10 00	31 Mrs. Isaac Strowger.. 15 00
31 Mrs. Walter McKay.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. McAdden.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Thos. Lister .. 5 00	31 Mrs. John Weir..... 10 00
31 Mrs. David G. Huff .. 15 00	31 Mrs. John Wills..... 20 00
31 Mrs. A. S. McIntyre.. 15 00	31 Mrs. W. A. Wodehouse 15 00
31 Mrs. L. G. Jolliffe.... 10 00	31 Bro. John Dixon..... 25 00
31 Mrs. John T. Field... 15 00	31 Mrs. Robt. Macown.. 10 00
31 Orphans Robt. Taylor 10 00	31 Mrs. Robt. Hassard.. 20 00
31 Bro. Robt. Davis 25 00	31 Bro. W. A. McLin ... 25 00
31 Bro. Alex. Bain..... 25 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Allen..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Corner 10 00	31 Bro. R. S. Warner... 25 00
31 Bro. Robt. E. Law.... 25 00	31 Mrs. C. Graham..... 15 00
31 Mrs. Angus A. Ross.. 15 00	31 Bro. Jas. Smith..... 25 00
31 Orphans Malcolm Mc- Phail 10 00	31 Bro. Jos. Blackburn.. 25 00
31 Mrs. Alex. Millar 20 00	31 Mrs. R. Campbell.... 15 00
31 Mrs. Erastus Kester . 15 00	31 Mrs. J. R. Newton... 20 00
31 Mrs. E. W. King 20 00	31 Orphans J. H. Bothwell 20 00
31 John Zimmerman.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Thos. Elliott.... 10 00
	31 Mrs. W. A. Powler... 20 00
	31 Mrs. Jas. Tuttle..... 5 00

BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

August. 1894.	September. 1894.
31 Mrs. R. A. Kerby.... 10 00	30 Bro. Jas. Bond 25 00
31 Mrs. W. W. Searcliffe 10 00	30 Mrs. John McKellar.. 10 00
31 Mrs. J. A. Angell 20 00	30 Mrs. Geo. Walker.... 15 00
31 Mrs. David Robinson. 10 00	30 Mrs. C. Amsden 10 00
31 Mrs. Chas. Bennett... 20 00	30 Mrs. M. Cronin..... 20 00
31 Mrs. John McEachern 10 00	30 Mrs. Wm. Ramsey... 20 00
31 Mrs. Arch. Graham.. 15 00	30 Mrs. D. McLellan.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Jas. E. Bailey.. 5 00	30 Mrs. John B. Richard 20 00
31 Mrs. Jas. Hortop 10 00	30 Mrs. W. M. Hunter... 20 00
31 Orphans of Wm. Reynolds 5 00	30 Mrs. Wm. Richardson 10 00
31 Mrs. Jas. H. Nixon.. 15 00	30 Mrs. M.G. Vandervoort 10 00
31 Mrs. D. C. Cameron.. 20 00	30 Mrs. Angus A. Ross.. 5 00
31 Mrs. Edward Handy. 10 00	30 Mrs. Hiram Wellbank 20 00
31 Mrs. John C. Hollistor 10 00	30 Chas. W. Noble..... 20 00
31 Mrs. Thos. Blythe... 10 00	30 Mrs. Alex. Barclay... 15 00
31 Mrs. Jas. Cowan..... 25 00	30 Mrs. W. W. Tuttle... 10 00
31 Mrs. Robt. Smith.... 10 00	30 Mrs. J. G. Burns..... 15 00
31 Mrs. John Polley.... 20 00	30 Mrs. Robt. Young.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Parney.... 10 00	30 Mrs. C. Hess 10 00
31 Mrs. Louis Beame.... 10 00	30 Bro. John Morgan... 25 00
31 Mrs. John Best 10 00	30 Mrs. Robt. Bardon... 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Allen..... 10 00	30 Mrs. F. Elkington ... 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Coulter.... 10 00	30 Mrs. W. J. Irwin 10 00
31 Mrs. Geo. Christie... 10 00	30 Mrs. E. Saunders.... 15 00
31 Bro. John Chaseley.. 25 00	30 Bro. Peter Brown.... 25 00
31 Mrs. N. H. Smith.... 15 00	30 Mrs. J. L. Young..... 10 00
31 Bro. Jas. Bowman... 25 00	30 Mrs. Thos. G. Hurst.. 10 00
31 Mrs. J. S. Lattimer.. 20 00	30 Mrs. Henry Kerrison. 20 00
31 Mrs. J. B. Galt..... 10 00	30 Mrs. David Ross.... 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Wakefield. 20 00	30 Mrs. Jas. A. Malcolm. 10 00
31 Mrs. Robt. Marcus... 10 00	30 Mrs. T. G. Furnival.. 10 00
31 Mrs. S. Porter..... 10 00	30 Mrs. Theo. Stafford.. 10 00
31 Mrs. C. Bryant 10 00	30 Mrs. J. S. Laing 10 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Phillips.. 25 00	30 Orphans Robt. McCausland 15 00
31 Bro. Edwin McClocklin 20 00	30 Orphans J. R. Taylor 10 00
31 Mrs. T. Livingston... 5 00	30 Mrs. T. E. Eccleston. 10 00
31 Mrs. Jos. Chautler... 10 00	30 Mrs. Wm. Johnston.. 20 00
31 Mrs. John Hodgson.. 20 00	30 Mrs. R. Nancollis.... 10 00
31 Mrs. John T. Gurnett 20 00	Oct. 1894.
31 Bro. Sam'l R. Teasel. 25 00	31 Miss Mary Wilson ... 75 00
31 Mrs. Sylvester Caldwell..... 15 00	31 Orphans John Leitch. 15 00
31 Mrs. G. L. Edleston.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Leslie Wright ... 20 00
31 Bro. H. T. Ross 25 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Agnew 15 00
31 Mrs. J. W. Ferguson. 10 00	31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson... 37 50
31 Mrs. Jno. Harvey.... 15 00	31 Bro. Rob Farquharson 25 00
31 Mrs. John McKee.... 20 00	31 Mrs. J. McKay Grif-fith 10 00
31 Mrs. Thos. Brock 10 00	31 Mrs. Jno. M. Raby... 20 00
31 Bro. E. Greene 25 00	31 Miss Lillian M. Harris 18 75
31 Mrs. W. A. Harvey .. 10 00	31 Mrs. Jno. Munro..... 10 00
	31 Miss Mary M. Harris. 18 75

BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

October. 1894.	January. 1895.
31 Mrs. Thos. S. Agar .. 10 00	31 Daughter of R. H. Lee 20 00
31 Mrs. Dennis L. Com- ins. 10 00	31 Mrs. Sam'l Waltho... 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Sweeney.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Jas. A. Blott.... 15 00
31 Mrs. Fred. Bailey.... 15 00	31 Bro. Thos. H. Butler. 25 00
31 Mrs. G. B. Gray 10 00	31 Bro. Jas. Butterworth 20 00
31 Mrs. Jas. Greenfield.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Dan'l G. Huff.. 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Scott 10 00	31 Orphans of Wm. Rey- nolds..... 5 00
31 Mrs. W. B. Simpson 100 00	31 Mrs. J. H. Nixon.... 15 00
31 Bro. L. W. Whitney.. 25 00	31 Mrs. Thos. Lockerty. 20 00
31 Board Relief, King- ston 10 00	31 Mrs. Arch. Cowper... 20 00
31 Orphans of T. Palmer 20 00	31 Mrs. Jas. C. McInnes. 10 00
31 Mrs. A. H. McPher- son 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Hoskins... 10 00
Nov.	31 Mrs. David J. Hunter 20 00
30 Mrs. Donald C. Came- ron..... 10 00	31 Mrs. G. W. Rowed... 20 00
30 Mrs. Jos. Booth 10 00	31 Mrs. W. B. Wallace.. 15 00
30 Mrs. Jas. Hagerman. 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson. 20 00
30 Orphans of Jas. East- man 5 00	31 Mrs. Thos. T. Vesey. 15 00
30 Mrs. R. H. Lee..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Wakefield. 20 00
Dec.	31 Mrs. T. B. Harington. 20 00
31 Bro. C. Hineman 25 00	31 Mrs. J. R. L. Smith.. 15 00
31 Bro. A. C. Coombs... 15 00	31 Mrs. G. L. Porter.... 15 00
31 Mrs. Thos. Reid 10 00	31 Mrs. R. Ratcliffe.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Walter Francis.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Angus R. Munro 10 00
31 Mrs. S. Marlett Davies 20 00	31 Mrs. Erastus Kester.. 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Leamy.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Blue 15 00
31 Orph. J. Deane..... 25 00	31 Bro. Chas. W. Wilmot 25 00
Jan. 1895.	31 Mrs. Jas. Middleton.. 10 00
31 Miss Mary M. Harris. 18 75	31 Mrs. Peter Patterson. 10 00
31 Miss Lillian M. Harris 18 75	31 Mrs. Jas. Patton.... 10 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson... 37 50	31 Bro. Ira C. Warner .. 25 00
31 Miss Mary Wilson... 75 00	31 Bro. Jno. Munro..... 25 00
31 Mrs. John Kennedy.. 10 00	31 Mrs. John Wills 20 00
31 Mrs. David Ross..... 15 00	31 Orphans of J. R. Tay- lor..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Fred. M. Cooke. 15 00	31 Mrs. S. H. Blondheim 15 00
31 Mrs. W. A. Harvey... 10 00	31 Mrs. McNeil Clark... 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Sharp..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Jno. C. Hollistor 10 00
31 Mrs. A. Lloyd..... 20 00	31 Orphans of Francis Covell..... 15 00
31 Mrs. Andrew Milne.. 15 00	31 Mrs. R. Phillips 15 00
31 Bro. Jas. W. Crate... 25 00	31 Mrs. J. C. Bogart.... 10 00
31 Bro. Fred Devereaux. 20 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Allen 10 00
31 B. of R., Windsor... 10 00	31 Mrs. Jno. Hodgson... 20 00
31 Mrs. Joshua Parker.. 15 00	31 Mrs. J. K. Oliver 10 00
31 Mrs. A. R. Paul..... 20 00	31 Mrs. Chs. W. Noble... 20 00
31 Bro. Jas. Conron.... 25 00	31 Bro. Jno. Scott 25 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Widgery. 10 00	31 Mrs. M. T. Haney ... 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Jolley..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Robt. Newbury.. 10 00
31 Mrs. John Evans..... 15 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Coulter ... 10 00
	31 Mrs. W. C. Jewell... 10 00
	31 Mrs. Daniel Scott.... 10 00

BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

January. 1895.	February. 1895.
31 Bro. Jos. Rippon..... 15 00	28 Mrs. S. Caldwell..... 15 00
31 Mrs. Jno. L. Gurnet.. 20 00	28 Bro. Haratis Wetherell 25 00
31 Mrs. S. V. Perry..... 20 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Johnston... 10 00
31 Mrs. John Pigot..... 15 00	28 Mrs. John Wright.... 10 00
31 Mrs. J. T. Dinsmore.. 15 00	28 Bro. J. Sullivan..... 25 00
31 Mrs. Thos. Arnson... 10 00	28 Bro. Jas. Blackburn... 25 00
31 Mrs. Wm. H. Ponton.. 15 00	28 B. of R. Kingston... 25 00
31 Mrs. John Manning.. 15 00	28 Mrs. C. Graham..... 15 00
31 Mrs. Isaac Strowger.. 15 00	28 Mrs. W. A. Fowler... 20 00
31 Mrs. Thos. G. Shaw.. 10 00	28 Orphans of S. Smith. 20 00
31 Mrs. C. Hess 10 00	28 B. of R. London..... 25 00
Feb. 1895.	28 Mrs. Robt. Gibson... 10 00
28 Mrs. Isaac Nelson... 15 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Richardson 10 00
28 Mrs. Sam'l McCulloch 10 00	28 Mrs. J. H. Newton... 20 00
28 Board Relief, Hamilton 50 00	28 Mrs. S. Porter 10 00
28 " Kingston 10 00	28 Mrs. G. Goslee 5 00
28 Mrs. Angus A. Ross.. 20 00	28 Mrs. Geo. Sutton 10 00
28 Mrs. Walter McKay.. 10 00	28 Bro. J. C. Williams.. 25 00
28 Mrs. R. Campbell.... 15 00	28 Mother of John McKee 20 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Hortop 10 00	28 Mrs. A. E. Baker.... 20 00
28 Mrs. L. G. Jolliffe.... 10 00	28 Bro. S. Townsend.... 25 00
28 Mrs. S. S. McIntyre.. 15 00	28 Mrs. Alex. Barklay... 15 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Mutter..... 15 00	28 Mrs. J. G. Burns..... 15 00
28 Mrs. Alex. Thompson 20 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Blair..... 15 00
28 Mrs. Anthony Davy.. 15 00	28 Mrs. Richard Swain . 20 00
28 Bro. Edw'd McNally. 20 00	28 Mrs. J. McKenzie.... 10 00
28 Mrs. Jno. Jackson.... 10 00	28 Mrs. John Best..... 10 00
28 Mrs. Wm. J. Smyth.. 10 00	28 Mrs. Thos. S. Agar... 10 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Allan 10 00	28 Bro. Jas. Smith..... 25 00
28 Mrs. Geo. Christie ... 10 00	28 Mrs. Alex. J. Short .. 20 00
28 Mrs. Jacob Le Clair.. 10 00	28 Mrs. Wm. M. Hunter. 20 00
28 Mrs. Pat'k Barrett... 10 00	28 Mrs. Arch'd Graham. 15 00
28 Mrs. Chas. Bennett.. 20 00	28 Children of Philip
28 Mrs. N. H. Smith.... 15 00	Varney..... 15 00
28 Mrs. E. R. King 20 00	28 Mrs. Jas. Woodrow .. 10 00
28 Mrs. Albert Stares... 20 00	28 Mrs. Alex. Miller 20 00
28 Mrs. Jas. McKillican. 20 00	28 Board Relief, Ottawa. 12 50
28 Mrs. Rich'd Hill 10 00	28 Mrs. Thos. Brock.... 10 00
28 Mrs. Jno. McKellar .. 10 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Crawford.. 10 00
28 Mrs. Richard Taylor. 10 00	28 Mrs. Alf'd Goldsmith 15 00
28 Bro. John Polley..... 20 00	28 Bro. John Chaseley.. 25 00
28 Mrs. Adam Petrie.... 10 00	28 Mrs. Thos. McLaw-
28 Mrs. John Weir..... 10 00	rence..... 10 00
28 Mrs. S. Phenix..... 15 00	28 Bro. W. A. McLin ... 25 00
28 Mrs. Richard Flood.. 20 00	28 Bro. John Dixon..... 25 00
28 Bro. John C. Woods. 25 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Ramsay... 20 00
28 Mother, J.B. Cummins 15 00	28 Bro. P. Meyers 20 00
28 Bro. E. D. McClocklin 20 00	28 Bro. Sam'l R. Teasel. 25 00
28 Mrs. R. Carey..... 10 00	28 Mrs. Thos. Elliott... 10 00
28 Mrs. E. A. Hood..... 20 00	28 Mrs. Thos. Sproule... 10 00
28 Mrs. Jos. Chantler... 10 00	28 Mrs. Hy. Richardson. 10 00
28 Mrs. W. A. Wodehouse 15 00	28 Bro. C. Hineman..... 25 00

BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

February. 1895.	February. 1895.
28 Mrs. Robt. Marcus... 10 00	28 Mrs. D. J. Bridgeport 15 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Hill..... 10 00	Orphans of J. H. Both-
28 Bro. Robt. E. Law... 25 00	well..... 20 00
28 Bro. Chris. R. Baker. 25 00	28 Mrs. Thos. Blyth 10 00
28 Mrs. J. L. Young 10 00	28 Mrs. J. S. Laing..... 10 00
28 Mrs. Wm. M. Burney.. 20 00	28 Mrs. Theo. Stafford.. 10 00
28 Mrs. M. G. Vandervoort 10 00	28 Mrs. Jas. A. Malcolm 10 00
28 Mrs. W. H. Street.... 10 00	28 Mrs. T. S. Hubbard.. 10 00
28 Mrs. Thos. Courtney. 20 00	28 Mrs. Alf. Hill..... 10 00
28 Mrs. Jos. G. Field.... 15 00	28 Mrs. John Vaux..... 10 00
28 Mrs. Edw'd Handy... 10 00	28 Mrs. Thos. Clegg 10 00
28 Mrs. Robt. C. Carter. 15 00	28 Mrs. S. Latimer..... 20 00
28 Bro. Finlay McEd-	28 Mrs. Thos. G. Furnival 10 00
wards 25 00	28 Orphans of R. A. Mc-
28 Mrs. R. Nancollus ... 10 00	Causland..... 15 00
28 Mrs. J. A. Angell 20 00	28 Mrs. Leslie Wright... 20 00
28 Orphans James G.	28 Mrs. Wm. Scott..... 20 00
Crowell 10 00	28 Mrs. G. L. Edleston.. 10 00
28 Mrs. John Harvey ... 15 00	28 Mrs. Walter Francis. 10 00
28 Orphan of G. B. Fraser 5 00	28 Mrs. John B. Richard 20 00
28 Mrs. Jas. McGibney.. 10 00	28 Mrs. Thos. G. Hurst. 10 00
28 Mrs. Hy. Kerrison ... 20 00	28 Mrs. Jas. J. Carter... 10 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Rogers. 5 00	28 Mrs. A. H. McPherson 10 00
28 Mrs. R. A. Sinclair... 10 00	28 Mrs. W. J. Irwin 10 00
28 Mrs. E. Saunders 15 00	28 Bro. Alex. Bain..... 25 00
28 Mrs. Edw'd A. Martin 15 00	28 Mrs. Frank Leroy.... 5 00
28 Mrs. Wm. McAdam.. 10 00	28 Mrs. Jno. McEachern 10 00
28 Mrs. Thos. Lister.... 5 00	28 Mrs. Wm. M. Scarcliffe 10 00
28 Mrs. Jno. Thompson. 10 00	28 Mrs. Robt. Young.... 10 00
28 Mrs. C. Amsden 10 00	28 Mrs. T. Livingstone.. 5 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Allen 10 00	28 Mrs. W. W. Nash.... 15 00
28 Mrs. Jno. Zimmerman 10 00	28 Mrs. R. A. Kerby 10 00
28 Mrs. Geo. Godfrey ... 15 00	28 Mrs. Geo. Walker.... 15 00
28 Bro. A. C. Coombs... 15 00	28 Mrs. F. Elkington.... 10 00
28 Mrs. Robt. Hassard.. 20 00	28 Mrs. Jas. H. Wright.. 10 00
28 Mrs. Robt. Vardon... 15 00	28 Mrs. W. H. Matthews 10 00
28 Mrs. D. W. Griffith .. 10 00	28 Bro. Robt. Davis.... 25 00
28 Mrs. Fred'k Bailey... 15 00	28 Orphans John Leitch. 15 00
28 Mrs. Aaron Bowman. 20 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Parney.... 10 00
28 Mrs. Aaron Bowman. 20 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Sweny 10 00
28 Mrs. McKee Conklin. 15 00	28 Mrs. T. J. Johnson... 20 00
28 Mrs. J. W. Ferguson. 10 00	28 Bro. R. S. Warner... 25 00
28 Bro. H. T. Ross..... 25 00	28 Mrs. Peter Spence ... 15 00
28 Mrs. Thos. T. Wescott 10 00	28 Mrs. David Robertson 10 00
28 Orphans of E. Murphy 20 00	28 Mrs. Geo. Rogers 10 00
28 Mrs. Robt. Smith.... 10 00	28 Mrs. W. F. Jennings. 15 00
28 Mrs. G. B. Gray..... 10 00	28 Mrs. John Munroe... 10 00
58 Bro. M. Cronin..... 20 00	28 Mrs. J. B. Galt 10 00
28 Bro. John Morgan... 25 00	28 Mrs. Jas. Greenfield.. 10 00
28 Bro. Jas. Bowman... 25 00	28 Bro. L. W. Whitney.. 25 00
28 Mrs. Angus Kerr. 10 00	28 Miss Mary M. Harris 18 75
28 Mrs. Wm. Agnew.... 15 00	28 Mrs. W. M. Wilson... 37 50

BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

February. 1895.	February. 1895.
28 Bro. Peter Brown.... 25 00	28 Orphans T. Palmer .. 20 00
28 Miss Mary Wilson ... 75 00	28 Daughter J. R. Steele. 20 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Johnston.. 20 00	28 Mrs. Jas. Hagerman.. 10 00
28 Bro. Rob. Farquharson 25 00	28 Orphan Jas. Erskine . 5 00
28 Mrs. Dennis L. Comins 10 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Corner.... 10 00
28 Mrs. Robt. Macoun... 10 00	
28 Mrs. W. W. Tuttle... 10 00	Total.... \$9,396 25

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT, No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with pleasure that I am able to report that the condition of Masonry throughout Erie District No. 1 has not in any particular degenerated from that high standard accorded to it by my predecessors in office. The grand principles inculcated by the different degrees have become more manifest to me since I have been called to inspect the condition of Masonry in the district, than ever before, and I have enjoyed the esteem and courtesy of the brethren throughout the district far beyond my ability to express. Having given considerable attention during my official career as Master of Windsor Lodge, No. 403, to the details of our work, I have endeavored

to instruct the different lodges in the district and impress upon them the importance of becoming proficient in every detail, so that uniformity and perfection might be accomplished. I believe my efforts have been highly appreciated, and have been productive of great good.

At all of my official visits I endeavored to take the officers over all of the work pertaining to the wardens and deacons in the three degrees, calling upon the Masters to exemplify certain portions of the work in each degree, and I also asked for exemplification of the manner of balloting, and other ceremonies, usages and customs. I found that procedure to be very entertaining and instructive to the officers and members. I also invited discussion on constitutional questions which are likely to arise at any meeting. I was impressed with the necessity of discussing such matters. at my official visits, from the reports of our Grand Secretary of rulings given by our Grand Masters, on questions continually being asked, and I have found that it makes better officers and creates more enthusiasm in the members. The true spirit of Masonry is brought out more beautifully at meetings where a full discussion is invited.

I held lodges of instruction at Leamington on the 15th day of January, 1895, and at Blenheim on 3rd July, 1895, at which we discussed the different ceremonies, usages and customs of the order and had the work of the three degrees exemplified. Much good was derived from those meetings, as I afterwards observed.

The officers of Windsor Lodge, 403, at my request, exemplified the work of the third degree at Chatham on the 8th of April, 1895, to the satisfaction of all the district present. There were members of the craft from all parts.

On November 27th, 1894, the brethren of Chatham gave a very pleasing reception to the officers and members of Palestine Lodge of the City of Detroit, who exemplified the work of the third degree in their own inimitable manner.

Many of the members of our craft had never seen the work before, and I believe I am expressing the sentiments of the majority when I say that for impressiveness and pure Masonic teaching our beautiful work far excels that done in the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Many eminent Masons were there, among whom I might mention: Most Worshipful Brother Daniel Spry, P.G.M., R. Wor. Bro. Wm. Gibson. D.G.M., R. Wor. Bros. E. T. Malone, R. B. Hungerford, B. Paine, J. A. C. Anderson, T. C. Macnabb, W. Milner, R. Birch, A. H. Vongunten and W. G. Lumley.

The brethren of Detroit were entertained in a manner which elicited nothing but words of praise for the Chatham brethren.

I have been successful in forming a Past Masters Association in the district and believe it will be productive of much good. The Past Masters in the district are brought together and given an opportunity of reviewing the lessons of former days, and affording assistance to the D. D. G. M. in parts of the district, which may need attention. The D. D. G. M. is always president, and any communications to him will be attended to.

Following is a detailed account of my visits and inspection of the different lodges :

December 13th, 1894, I visited Great Western, No. 47 : I found the officers working regularly with V. Wor. Bro. Prowse as Master. R. Wor. Bro. Vongunten visited the lodge when same officers were in the chairs. See my report hereafter as to present officers.

January 8th, 1895, I visited McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne, and had a genuine meeting. The first degree was worked by the officers, after which we had a thorough lodge of instruction in which several Past Masters took part, and all were delighted. A little repast after the meeting made my visit a delightful one. R. Wor. Bro. Anderson, at my request, visited this lodge on the 4th of June, 1895, and gave a splendid report of the improvement made. Officers are young and full of Masonic spirit. The officers all came to Rodney when I visited there, which is evidence of their zeal. Everything is all right in McColl Lodge.

January 15th, 1895, I witnessed the exemplification of the third degree by the officers of Leamington Lodge, No. 290 and all who were present agreed with me in saying that it was beautifully done. Dr. Piper is enthusiastic and is supported by good officers. I make special mention of Inner Guard, who receives a candidate in a very pleasing manner, as it should be. I am well pleased with Leamington Lodge.

February 4th, 1895, I visited Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim, when the thermometer was hovering around zero. The attendance at lodge was good, all officers were present except Wor. Bro. Hanks, who was called into the country by sickness. The officers are young and energetic, and the instructions on the floor work and ballot work were highly appreciated by all present. I was delighted to find Rev. Bros. Jamieson and Freeborn taking an active part in the welfare of the lodge. Wor. Bro. Hanks is active and everything is in first-class condition there.

February 13th, 1895, found me at Howard Lodge, No. 391,

Ridgetown, at a special meeting. R. Wor. Bro. Paine in the East, all other officers present. Officers opened in the third degree and exemplified different parts of the work as requested. The ballot was nicely managed in this lodge. We had a spirited discussion on different points in our work, which has been somewhat changed from other days, and Wor. Bro. Duck called the attention of all to many changes, being satisfied in some cases, in others not; we had a good meeting. I met several visitors there.

February 14th, visited Rodney Lodge No. 411, Rodney, the home of R. Wor. Bro. Jell, who with the Past Masters, were present at the meeting. The officers were not very well up in the details of our work, such as collecting the P. G. and P. W. and conducting the candidate. I went into these details very fully and found the officers very willing to take hold and become proficient. There were several present from West Lorne. The spirit of masonry is all right. Past Masters should assist more in instructing the young officers in the work, who are very willing and capable.

February 15th, visited Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate. Wor. Bro. Crosby and officers all present. Here we had the warmest discussion of any in the District. Wor. Bro. John Lee, an enthusiastic Past Master of the older school, was present and made it very interesting to the young members of the Craft. In the discussion, many important constitutional questions were raised. All the floor work, which as in other lodges has been a little neglected, was exemplified and I found all officers quite capable and willing to do any part of the work. I met Very Wor. Bro. Middleditch and others there.

March 4th, 1895, I met with the brethren of Wellington Lodge No. 46, Chatham, the home of the P. D. D. G. M.'s Macnabb, Milner, Birch and Vongunten, and with such men in the lodge room it must be expected that good work will be done. The officers were all capable of doing any part of the work to my satisfaction. The beautiful room where Wellington and Parthenon meet has been renovated and is the finest in the District. I am much pleased with all the officers there. Besides the officers, there are many members bright and energetic. This lodge has had the name of doing the best work in the District, but the officers and members must keep awake as other lodges are coming on very fast.

March 5th found me with the brethren of Old Thistle Lodge No. 34, Amherstburg. I found everything very quiet. There hadn't been any work and consequently the officers were a little slack, except the Wor. Master. The lodge was opened

in the three degrees and parts of the work exemplified. This lodge is about holding its own, many having moved away from the town, and necessarily a quietus is placed on fraternal societies. There are a number of good enthusiastic Masons there who will keep things in order. I pointed out the necessity of introducing at their regular meetings, some feature of an entertainment to keep the members together. Simple routine work is not very entertaining to those not directly interested.

March 6th, I had a delightful visit at Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex. The officers are all young, energetic men and they had the true ring about their work which inspires confidence. The first degree was worked on a bright candidate, after which the lodge was opened in the third degree, and the officers were well skilled in the details of the work. I made some few corrections which were appreciated. The officers are very accurate and enthusiastic in the work. This lodge is one of the best in the District and will make the older ones keep wide awake. I was pleasantly entertained by Bro. Naylor at his home.

March 28th, I visited Star of the East, No. 422, Bothwell, and met brethren from Wardsville there. I instructed the officers in the manner of balloting, and the reception of Grand Lodge officers, much to their satisfaction. The Master of the lodge is somewhat timid, but is quite capable of performing all the duties pertaining to the office. The deacons were a little slow, but it was for the want of more instruction. Wor. Bro. Hickey, P. M. of the lodge, is well skilled and capable of imparting the proper instructions to the Deacons, and I trust he will do so. The lodge is prosperous. Plenty of work.

May 30th, I made another visit to Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, and witnessed work by P. M.'s Holdstock and Prowse, the Wor. Master not being well. The officers are all capable of doing the work nicely. I have witnessed work by the Wor. Master at other visits to the lodge. They have had a great deal of work during the year. All through this lodge is the strongest in the district.

June 6th, I visited Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber. Several Past Masters were present. It was the night of their election. P. M. Abbott, charter member of the lodge, was elected Master, and he will be supported by good Wardens. Wor. Bro. Brown and Sherer are both enthusiastic in the work and take just such an interest as all Past Masters should. There has not been any work, but I am satisfied with the proficiency of the Master. The Deacons have been

neglected, and I pointed out the importance of instructing all under officers to become as perfect as possible in all details. The lodge is in good condition and will prosper.

June 12th, at Parthenon, No. 267, Chatham: Wor. Bro. J. B. Rankin in the East. The third degree was worked in a highly creditable manner. All who know Wor. Bro. Rankin know him to be a brilliant, enthusiastic Mason and worthy of any position in the gift of the fraternity. The members of Parthenon generally are a little slow and I trust that the Past Masters will lend their assistance to the newly elected officers in the discharge of their duties; more attention should be given to instructing the candidates. Met P. D. D. G. M.'s Macnabb, Milner and Vongunten there, and Wor. Bro. Turner, of Wellington Lodge. I have always been highly honored when visiting Chatham.

June 13th: On this date I went to Wallaceburg with the intention of visiting the lodge officially, but owing to the absence of the Wor. Master on business and other officers being out of town a formal meeting was not held. However, I visited the lodge room with the Secretary and saw other members of the lodge, made an inspection of the books and found everything very satisfactory. Prospects are bright for a good year with this lodge and they are in good financial condition.

June 13th, I visited Sydenham, No. 255, Dresden, and had a splendid meeting. All officers present and many Past Masters. After election of officers a regular lodge of instruction was opened and the meeting did not close till midnight, so interested were the brethren. Much useful information was elicited by Wor. Bro. Carscallen, Switzer, Hicks and others. Before I left Dresden the next morning the Master and Senior Warden had me go to the lodge room with them to repeat some of the instructions of the night before. This is the kind of Masonic spirit I like to see. Wor. Bro. Burnie is somewhat timid in carrying out strictly the customs and usages of the order, but he is energetic, and with a little more decisiveness he will be first-class. Sydenham is all right. The Past Masters take an interest in the lodge and its officers, which ensures prosperity.

June 17th, I was with the brethren of Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe. Regular officers, except Deacons, were present. Lodge was opened in the three degrees and portions of the work exemplified. The officers are somewhat handicapped, owing to the small room they meet in. The brethren should be active and get more commodious quarters; it will increase

the attendance. The junior officers require instruction. The lodge is prosperous, having in the bank a snug little sum for a future day. R Wor. Bro. Lumley showed me great courtesy and made my visit a delightful one. Wor. Bro. French met me at Wardsville the next evening.

June 18th, I was at The Hammond, No. 327. From the work the lodge had, one would have thought he was in Detroit or some other large city; four initiations and election of officers. I had to leave at 11.30 to catch my train home, and I have not heard, but I guess work was kept up till morning. First degree work was nicely done by Wor. Bro. Munroe, who is quite capable of working all degrees, but has not had an opportunity. Lodge is prosperous.

I have made several visits to Windsor Lodge, No. 403, and the increase in members speaks for its success, but I must say that the W. M. and other officers of Windsor are taking a great interest in the craft.

June 27th, 1895, I visited Thamesville and met several of the brethren in the lodge room informally in the afternoon. The work of the three degrees was gone over and the affairs of the lodge was fully explained. From the report it will be seen that the lodge is all right. Wor Bro. Davison is a good worker and should hold regular meetings for instructing all officers. The Wor. Master accompanied me to Florence. The lodge is prosperous.

June 27th, 1895, I met with the brethren of Florence, No. 390, at Florence. This lodge is not prosperous, but it is no fault of the Wor. Master as he is a thorough good Mason and has done everything to make matters go smoothly. Wor. Bro. Drew and Wor. Bro. Clarke are willing to try and carry on the affairs of the Lodge, but without better attendance and more enthusiasm in the members they will fail. Unless special attention is given to the lodge by my successor in office I am afraid it will go down. I do not believe it does any good to keep a charter where the lodge is so weak. Their membership is decreasing each year.

R. Wor. Bro. Allworth visited St. George Lodge, Kingsville, for me, June 24th, 1895. This lodge is prosperous and has beautiful rooms to accommodate its members. The Master and Secretary should pay more attention to arrearages of dues. The members are too much behind and should be made to pay up or get out. Drones have no place in masonry. This should apply to all Masons in arrears.

I had an appointment with Naphthali Lodge to meet them, but owing to a misunderstanding I did not get there, but I

have met the brethren of that lodge often and I know they are all right, and the lodge is prosperous.

In conclusion I must express my delight with the condition of Masonry throughout the district, and I wish to note that the secretaries of nearly all the lodges have been very prompt in keeping me posted on everything pertaining to the Craft, and to each lodge. I hope my successor will follow up the instructions in the details of the work, the ceremonies, usages and customs of the Order, and when everything is up to the standard it will never retrograde, and it is the proper way to make our work appreciated far above that of any other grand jurisdiction not working the same. If our work is done well in all its details, the accuracy and display of work of lodges in other jurisdictions will not be so great a novelty. Improve our own work, brethren, and it is the most beautiful and most complete for true Masonic instruction. Let me impress upon Past Masters the importance of their presence at all lodge meetings, to offer suggestions and instruct in the work. Show by your efforts for our time-honored institution that the true spirit of brotherhood is within your breasts. Don't leave it to a few.

There were several pleasant "At Homes" during the year, at Ridgetown, Amherstburg and Windsor in particular. Most Wor. Bro. White, G. M., and R. Wor. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, visited us at Windsor and dedicated our rooms. A large number of Canadian Masons attended at Detroit at the laying of the corner stone of a large Masonic Temple. The very best fraternal feeling exists between the Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan and our own.

The membership has increased considerably in the district during the Masonic year, and the prospects for the next year are exceedingly bright.

I granted the following dispensations: To attend Divine Service—Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham; Parthenon Lodge, No. 267; Sydenham Lodge, No. 255; Parvaim Lodge, No. 395; Napthali Lodge, No. 413; Howard Lodge, No. 391.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my duties as D. D. G. M. and I wish the craft throughout the grand jurisdiction and in Erie District in particular every possible success.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ERNEST S. WIGLE, B. A., D. D. G. M.,
Erie District, No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members		Degree's conf'd		Athletions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.		Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arreages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.							F. C.	M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.									Total.
34	Thistle.....	Amberstburg..	38	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	10	212	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	June 24, '94	Good.	Fair.	No	\$ 100 00	
41	St. George.	Kingsville.....	85	5	2	4	3	4	1	1	2	1	13	417	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	800 00	
46	Wellington.	Chatham.....	126	6	1	8	11	5	5	4	3	0	13	26	33	.....	\$10 00	25	236 00	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	1400 00	
47	G't West'n	Windsor.....	119	14	5	11	7	7	3	2	2	0	14	18	32	30	.....	40 00	29	133 57	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	360 00
245	Tecumseh.	Thamesville...	57	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	15	.....	15 00	14	100 00	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	No	300 00
255	Sydenham.	Dresden.....	49	4	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	12	2	14	20	.....	40 00	3	35 00	Jan., '95	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00
267	Parthenon	Chatham.....	59	5	4	6	2	2	4	4	1	1	13	11	24	16	.....	15	128 56	Dec. 10, '94	Fair.	Very good	Yes	500 00	
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	63	7	1	6	5	5	1	0	1	0	13	1	24	15	.....	7	35 00	Dec., '94	Fair.	Good.	Yes	400 00	
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	35	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	15	5	20	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	350 00
290	Leamington	Leamington...	78	5	2	5	3	2	3	2	4	1	15	6	18	14	.....	30 00	17	200 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00
312	Puyn.....	Wallaceburg...	85	2	1	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	12	2	14	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dec., '94	Fair.	Good.	No	400 00
327	The Ham'd	Wardsville.....	26	6	1	6	2	2	1	3	2	4	12	1	13	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 24, '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	None.
336	Highgate.	Highgate.....	44	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	13	14	15	.....	50 00	12	100 00	June, '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
386	McColl.....	West Lorne...	38	1	5	2	1	4	5	1	1	1	1	5	1	6	8	.....	4	23 00	Dec., '94	Not good	Not good	Yes	200 00
390	Florence...	Florence.....	26	5	2	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	13	4	17	19	.....	10 00	4	75 00	June, '94	Fair.	Good.	Yes	300 00
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	74	7	0	7	6	3	1	1	3	2	13	4	17	18	.....	20 00	25	.....	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00
395	Parvauin	Comber.....	42	5	1	5	4	3	1	1	2	2	13	1	14	15	.....	40 00	1	54 00	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
402	Central.....	Essex.....	55	5	1	5	4	3	1	1	2	2	13	20	33	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	June 24, '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
403	Windsor...	Windsor.....	92	11	1	13	8	7	3	2	3	4	13	1	14	17	.....	20	103 00	June, '95	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00	
411	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	35	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	12	5	17	17	.....	6	41 00	June 4, '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00	
413	Napthali.	Tilbury.....	46	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	9	2	11	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	June, '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00
422	Is. of the E.	Bothwell.....	92	5	8	4	4	3	1	1	6	2	9	2	11	10	.....	1	35 75	June, '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00	

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN.

In presenting this my report on the condition of Masonry in the St. Clair District, I desire to extend to the representatives and brethren of the District my warmest thanks for the very great favor conferred upon me last July by electing me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. of the District, and also for the kindness and courtesy extended to me at all times while attempting to feebly perform my duties under the unfavorable circumstances I labored under.

While at Grand Lodge a year ago, I was taken suddenly and seriously ill, which incapacitated me from business for over five months and left me in a very weak condition for as many more, hence it was under considerable difficulty and disadvantage that I attempted to perform the duties that under ordinary circumstances should have been a great pleasure to me. I laid my plans to visit every lodge in the District, but fourteen was as many as my health would permit me to get to, leaving Forest, Huron, Arkona, St. John and Dufferin that I was unable to reach, and trust that my successor will give those lodges special attention.

I appointed Wor. Bro. A. F. Wade District Secretary, who has aided me very much in attending to the large volume of correspondence in connection with the District during the past six months.

I held a Lodge of Instruction under the auspices of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy, on Feb. 22nd last, which was largely attended, all the lodges of the District being well represented excepting the extreme west. The first degree was exemplified by the officers of Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolea; the second by Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford, and the third by Beaver Lodge, No. 83. Wor. Bros. J. R. Nevills and W. G. Collins presiding in the first and second respectively and Right Wor. Bro. Dr. Whitehead in the east in the third. The work was very correctly done, each officer performing his part with scarcely an error, leaving very little room for criticism. The examination of a visiting brother was conducted by Right Wor. Bro. Dr. Harvey, which elicited considerable interest and discussion. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a P. D. D. G. M.'s regalia to Rt. Wor. Bro.

Goodier, my predecessor, Wor. Bro. George making the presentation in a few well chosen words, to which the Rt. Wor. Bro. briefly responded very appropriately.

On Sunday, June 23rd, several lodges, under the auspices of Petrolea Lodge, No. 194, held Divine Service in Victoria Hall, Petrolea, which was largely attended, it being considered the largest gathering of Masons ever held in the District. The service was conducted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Hodgins, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, who preached an exceedingly fine Masonic sermon which was very highly appreciated by the large audience. Appropriate music by a union choir added considerable to the afternoon's exercises.

I granted dispensations for attending Divine Service to Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathoy; and Petrolea Lodge, No. 194.

Among the many deaths in the district during the past year were several Brethren prominent in the Craft, among the number being Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Thos. Armstrong, of Moore Lodge, No. 294, Past Grand Chaplain; Wor. Bro. Garsline, of Alexandria Lodge, No. 158; Bro. A. C. Neilson, of Cassia Lodge No. 116; and Bro. C. Bixel, of Beaver Lodge, No. 83.

At special request of the W. M. elect, Wor. Bro. Dr. Cowan, I made my first official visit to install the officers of St. Clair Lodge, No. 415, Port Lambton, on St. John's Eve, Dec. 27. The weather was exceedingly disagreeable, being very cold and stormy, and my health very poor, I experienced great difficulty in performing my duties. However, Wor. Bros. Roebuck and Finlay ably assisted me in the installation ceremony. The newly installed officers appeared to be well conversant with the duties of their respective offices and filled their chairs very creditably. Was sorry to notice that the brethren of Sombra and Port Lambton were not working together as harmoniously as brethren should. Since then a move has been made to transfer the lodge to Sombra Village, which has not yet been settled. This lodge has a number of enthusiastic Masons, as evinced by the large turnout on such a stormy night, there being twenty-one members and three visitors present, most of whom had to drive quite a distance for the purpose. An oyster supper terminated the evening's exercises.

Visited Moore Lodge, No. 294, on January 10. After investing the W. M. the ordinary business was proceeded with, which lasted far into the night, there being five ballots and four initiations. Wor. Bro. Leslie, the W. M., initiated one of the candidates with the accuracy, force and vim of his younger days. Wor. Bros. Dr. Seager, H. Roebuck, and D. Fisher conferring the degree on the other candidates. The attendance was large,

a number of visitors from neighboring lodges being present ; Leopold, Brigden, being represented by six Past Masters, St. Clair Lodge two, and four of their own made matters quite interesting, good work being done. Prospects of this lodge are very bright. The little difficulty arising in February having been nicely adjusted, there should be fair sailing in the future for old Moore Lodge after its varied past experiences. Bro. Wm. Brown, the Secretary, is one of the most painstaking officers in the district and looks well after the books. Bro. Hays provided a bountiful supper during the evening.

On Jan. 14th, I visited Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward, under great disability from ill-health. The W. M. Wor. Bro. George installed his Wardens and I. G. There being no work on hand the F. C. degree was exemplified. Some of the work was well done, the W. M.'s being exceptionally good ; a little practice would make a great improvement. During the evening the W. M. Wor. Bro. George was the recipient of a P. M.'s jewel accompanied by an eulogistic address read by Wor. Bro. James McIntyre, to which Wor. Bro. George feelingly responded. The financial report was read which showed Bismarck's finances to be in excellent shape. Attendance, 27 members and 14 visitors, a number from Sarnia being among the latter. Prospects good. Refreshments terminated a very pleasant evening. Since my visit Wor. Bro. J. McIntyre has joined the Grand Lodge above. Bismarck will miss his familiar face.

Visited Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs, on Jan. 17th. Attendance small, only eight members and two visitors present. Auditors' report read ; finances in fair shape. The work was a passing, and considering it was the first evening the new officers occupied their chairs the degree was well conferred ; the W. M. Wor. Bro. Vansickle making scarcely an omission, but was rather nervous and hasty, which practice will no doubt overcome. V. Wor. Bro. Miller who has charge of the books is a very careful and efficient officer. Prospects fair.

It was with more than ordinary pleasure I visited Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford, on Feb. 5th. Meeting so many friends of years ago made my visit exceptionally interesting. Notwithstanding an extremely cold and stormy eve there were twenty-one members and five visitors present. There being no degree work and wishing to see the officers perform their duties, the third degree was exemplified. The W. M. Wor. Bro. Mitchell excelled himself, it being his maiden effort ; his rendering being almost word perfect. The W. M. was well

supported by the other officers, not excepting the Worthy Tyler. The ex-*"chaplain"* also leaves no part of his duties unperformed. Books are well kept. Prospects good. The cravings of the inner man were appeased by a liberal supply of oysters at the close of the meeting. The Watford brethren are famous in this line also.

Visited Alvinston Lodge, No. 324, on Feb. 6th. Bro. Fitzgerald drove me over from Watford, a very cold evening, the mercury below zero. Attendance small. Since then the lodge room was burned some time ago. This lodge has been laboring under reverses of several kinds, but hope soon to surmount all difficulties. They expect to occupy their new hall by the autumn, and in the meantime meet in the Forester's Hall. The work was a second degree, which was fairly well done. The officers are in considerable need of practice. No doubt when they get to work in their new hall increased interest will be taken and make this a prosperous lodge as it ought to be. Finances appear in good shape. The future of this lodge should be good.

On Feb. 23th, I visited Petrolea Lodge, No. 174. Attendance fair. Work in the F. C. degree was expected, but illness prevented the candidate from being present. However, the officers exemplified the degree, and this being the first evening they occupied their respective chairs, did remarkably well, the working being almost perfect. V. Wor. Bro. R. Scott, the Secretary, looks well after the finances of the lodge, his books being very carefully and neatly kept and dues well paid up. Prospects good.

Visited Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford, on March 4th. In my feeble state of health the inclement weather, together with an extra lengthy lodge meeting, brought on a relapse of sickness which compelled me to cancel my engagements for the three following evenings at Camlachie, Forest and Arkona respectively, which I did very reluctantly. Notwithstanding the disagreeable evening a large number were present, principally from the country. The work of the evening was the passing of three candidates. The officers work well, the W. M. Wor. Bro. McLean conferring the degree on two of the candidates, and Wor. Bro. Sutherland on the other one. The W. M. did his work well considering the experience he has had. Wor. Bro. Sutherland did his work almost absolutely perfect, and was the most correct rendering of the degree I have seen in the district. Rt. Wor. Bro. Holwell, the veteran Mason of Cassia, was present as usual, taking almost as active interest in the proceedings as in years gone by. Prospects

good. After lodge all adjourned to Bro. Holwell's where oysters were served in good style. Since my visit I regret to learn of the death of Bro. Neilson, the efficient Secretary, to whom I am indebted for many kindnesses and courtesies during the past year.

Visited Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia, on April 9th. Again very much indisposed through continued ill-health. Attendance fair. Some officers absent. The second degree was conferred on one candidate, which was fairly well done although part was good. Considerable practice needed. Opening and closing fair. When Victoria gets into her new hall this fall she will no doubt boom a little as Sarnia should support a good lodge. Prospects should be bright. Refreshments terminated a pleasant evening.

On May 2nd, I visited Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming. Attendance good, twenty members and three visitors present. Was disappointed in some Past Grand Lodge officers being unavoidably absent. In addition to considerable other business, there was a passing. The regular officers present did their work well, both in conferring the degree and opening and closing. Their new hall, dedicated March 14th, is a credit to the Craft as well as to the village, being spacious and well finished. The brethren of Burns should feel proud of their place of meeting. Books well kept. Prospects good.

Visited Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolea, on May 7th. Attendance not large, some other engagements preventing several from being present. A raising was the principal work of the evening, which was very correctly performed, all the officers doing their work well both in conferring the degree as well as opening and closing. Prospects good. Refreshments in the ante-room after lodge, and the entertainment in connection therewith confirmed the opinion that the Petrolea brethren are enthusiasts in other things as well as Masonry.

On June 5th, visited Leopold Lodge, No. 397, officially. Considerable routine and other business transacted, but no degree work on hand. Time being limited, and having had many opportunities in the past of seeing the brethren work, did not have any of the degrees exemplified. I may say Leopold does as correct work as any lodge in the district. Meetings well attended. Finances improving. Prospects good.

Bro. H. Thompson, the venerable Secretary of Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier, having resigned a short time ago, and no successor then appointed, no summons were issued for regular meeting on June 7th. Although I sent notice to the W. M.

of my intended visit, still when I drove into Napier that evening Wor. Bro. Sutherland and another brother were the only members in the village, some oil project having attracted the remaining brethren some distance out. Bro. Sutherland, however, lessened the disappointment very materially in his usual happy way, and since then I am pleased to learn he has been appointed Secretary, and hope soon to hear of Ionic arousing from her lethargy and spring forward into new life. This lodge has a very cosy hall and a number of members composed of the best material in the locality and should succeed.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. J. WARD, D. D. G. M.,
St. Clair District, No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'r'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. Work all degrees	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.					Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	57	1	2	1	2	..	..	1	1	12	3	15	16	.....	12	\$169 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	\$300 00
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	59	2	11	2	1	2	..	6	1	13	3	16	24	\$15 00	14	23 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1500 00
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	39	2	3	1	4	..	..	6	1	13	2	15	20	.....	30	286 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	1000 00
113	Burns.....	Thiodford.....	34	6	..	5	4	1	..	1	..	13	3	16	15	.....	5	11 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
156	Alexandria.....	Wyoming.....	69	6	..	5	5	1	..	1	..	14	8	22	24	54 00	19	120 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes.
158	Petrolia.....	Oil Springs.....	42	7	6	3	3	5	4	..	..	13	2	15	10	25 00	14	100 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	Yes.
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	92	2	3	2	2	4	..	3	..	14	1	15	20	10 00	20	75 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	66	5	6	1	1	3	..	3	..	13	1	12	14	30 60	19	134 00	June 24, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	81	7	6	5	5	1	..	3	..	13	1	11	16	10 00	not given	36 00	June 24, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 01
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	55	3	9	3	5	2	2	4	5	13	3	16	40	.....	11	36 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	27	8	2	9	6	6	4	6	..	13	3	15	13	15 00	1	4 50	June 24, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	None.
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	44	2	5	1	1	3	1	4	1	13	1	13	15	.....	41	310 00	June 24, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	None.
324	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	62	4	1	4	2	1	..	1	..	10	1	11	12	.....	10	50 00	June 24, '94.	Good.	Fair.	No.	300 00
328	Leicestershire.....	Napier.....	24	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	1	6	10	10 00	10	50 00	June 24, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	part	350 00
364	Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	24	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	7	1	8	10	25 00	7	127 00	Dec. 24, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes.
392	Huron.....	Cambridge.....	47	1	6	1	2	3	1	2	..	13	1	14	17	.....	16	160 00	Dec. 21, '94.	Fair.	Good.	part	185 00
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	38	3	1	2	2	3	1	..	..	12	1	13	13	.....	9	75 00	Dec. 21, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00
419	Bismark.....	Point Edward.....	68	2	4	2	1	1	..	2	..	12	1	13	18	.....	24	162 00	Dec. 21, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00
425	St. Clair.....	Port Lambton.....	40	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	11	1	12	15	138 00	24	162 00	Dec. 21, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	116 00

LONDON DISTRICT No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

The report on the condition of Masonry in this district must of necessity be very imperfect. The R. W. Bro., who was elected to the honorable office of D. D. G. M., after serving two-thirds of his term, for personal reasons left the jurisdiction, thereby vacating the position. The Most Worshipful G. M. did me the honor of placing the district in my charge for the balance of the term; I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the high office to the best of my ability. What would, under ordinary circumstances, have been to me a work of pleasure, has been rendered very difficult and arduous by the fact that the R. W. Bro. did not leave any record or data of his work wherewith I might build a report. The only course, therefore, open to me was to obtain a personal knowledge of the condition of the district by visiting. With this object in view I immediately opened up communication with the several lodges and proceeded to visit the same. I succeeded in inspecting some 24 lodges out of the total 27. Owing to the limited time at my disposal, it was impossible to visit each lodge; I, therefore, conceived the idea of forming a couple of small "Lodges of Instruction," consisting of three lodges each, one in the eastern and the other in the western portion of the district. This action, I am pleased to state, was crowned with the most flattering success; the brethren of the lodges taking part being more or less acquainted with each other, the meetings partook more of the spirit of a family reunion than that of the stiff formality of regular "Lodge of Instruction." Generally speaking the district is in a fairly prosperous condition, showing that, in recent years especially, its affairs have been wisely administered by earnest and capable D. D. G. M's. One or two unpleasant incidents have occurred that have reflected a certain amount of odium on the Craft, but knowing the temper of the lodges to which the offending brethren belong, I have no doubt that full and early justice will be meted out to them. Disputes have been few. I have succeeded in settling the only one, I believe, in the district, that of "invasion of jurisdiction," which has existed for so long between Mt. Olivet, No. 300, of Thorndale, and Middlesex, No. 379, of Bryanston. The

lodges interested did me the honor of leaving the settlement of it in my hands, which I did by simply re-affirming a former decision rendered in the same case by R. W. Bro. Hess, P. D. D. G. M., viz. : "finding in favor of Mt. Olivet by awarding them ten dollars in settlement of the claim." This decision was accepted as satisfactory by both parties ; and to the honor of Mt. Olivet, they generously refunded the amount to Middlesex Lodge, the brethren of the former lodge declaring that they had obtained what they were contending for, namely, vindication of principle.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London East : This was the first lodge I visited in my official capacity ; selecting it for the reason that I felt sure of receiving a hearty and encouraging welcome from the brethren, and equally certain of witnessing good work. Unfortunately, the W. M. and S. W. were absent, but that ever and capable worker, V. W. Bro. Bridle, occupied the chair and performing the work in a manner leaving no room for criticism. This is a prosperous lodge, standing next to the highest in the district in point of work performed during the year. The membership is largely composed of military brethren, recruited from the neighboring school of infantry, who naturally introduce into the lodge an exactness and precision of action that add greatly to the effectiveness of the degrees. The business of the lodge is well looked after by the efficient and experienced Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. C. Simpson. Dues are fairly well paid up, but room for improvement. The hall is a new one and is appropriately and comfortably furnished and amply insured. Utmost harmony prevails amongst them.

St. Paul's, No. 107, Lambeth : This is one of the most progressive lodges in the district, having among the county lodges the largest average attendance and abundance of work. The brethren of St. Paul's not only try to do their work in a workmanlike manner, but also endeavor to practise in their daily intercourse with each other the beautiful teachings of our noble Order. This desirable state of affairs is largely attributable to the praiseworthy example set by their old Past Masters —brethren who have done good work in the past, and are still the guiding lights of the young. I visited the lodge at the regular meeting in April, the W. M., J. W. and S. D. were absent ; this I regretted very much, as I was anxious to see the work, that of the second degree, done by the W. M., who, I understand, is an unusually clever worker. The chair, however, was ably filled by W. M. Bro. Thornicroft, who did his work in his old time vigorous style. The books are in

good shape ; dues well paid up, only four members being over twelve months in arrears. The lodge, financially, is in good standing, and own the hall, which is insured for \$1200.00. I was particularly well pleased to see an old and honored P. D. D. G. M. present in the person of R. W. Bro. D. B. Burtch, who, although years are fast creeping upon him, does not allow that fact to cool his love for the old Craft. Prospects of St. Paul's are good.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London : Visited this lodge at its regular meeting in April. The officers, with the exception of the W. M. and S. W., were absent, but their places were well filled by competent brethren. The work on hand was the second degree, and it was exemplified by the capable Master W. M. Bro. McNeil. Union was so unfortunate a few years ago as to fall into debt, and although repeated attempts have been made by the brethren to relieve the lodge, up to the present time their praiseworthy efforts have not been crowned with the success they deserve. But lodge misfortunes are very much like those of individuals—largely their own fault. The matter of dues has not received the attention it should ; of a membership of 75, more than half are in arrears, with a total of \$220.00, which amount, if collected, would nearly wipe out their indebtedness. I strongly urged the brethren to make one grand effort to free themselves from this incubus so inimical to all healthy, genuine progress, and from the expression of the members present, I am led to believe that my advice will be followed, and that Union will soon resume its place amongst the other lodges of the city in this respect. To its honor be it said that, "that virtue which covereth a multitude of sins" and which is the "distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart" is largely developed in 380.

Prince of Wales, No. 171, Iona : This lodge is situated on the extreme south-western border of the district, and in order to reach it with any degree of comfort one has to drive from St. Thomas, a distance of some thirteen or fourteen miles, and as there is no hotel or other accommodation in the place, the unlucky wayfarer, who is so unfortunate as to be overtaken by night, must of necessity assume the character of the omnipresent *tramp* and "*work*" *the good natured villager for his night's lodging, or the cold "hand-out,"* as the case may be and his "*necessities may require.*" This want of accommodation is a great draw-back to the life and existence of the lodge, for the brethren from the surrounding country must certainly find it very awkward to be forced to impose on the good natured hospitality of their village brethren. This, combined with

the gradually decreasing population of the place, is slowly but surely drying up the life blood of this old, honorable and once prosperous lodge, and I would strongly advise the brethren to make some kind of an early change. Lately there has been a movement on foot to have it removed to Lawrence Station, a small hamlet some five or six miles distant. This is wisely and very properly opposed by the older and more conservative brethren, for it would, indeed, be a case of the frying pan and the fire. The suggestion of R. W. Bro. Broderick, P. D. D. G. M., "that they amalgamate with either Warren of Fingal or 'Cameron' of Dutton," is a good one. Piloted by V. Wor. Bro. Dubber, of St. Thomas, I paid my official visit on May 10th. Attendance poor. The W. M. Treasurer and Secretary were about the only officers present. The chairs of the two deacons were vacant, and when I drew the W. Master's attention to the slight irregularity, he was evidently quite surprised that I should notice such a trifling error. The Secretary keeps his books in good shape, with the old, old story of arrearages as the only blot, twenty-six members out of forty-two are over twelve months' in arrears, making a total of \$134 00. Their financial standing, however, is good. The hall is owned and fully paid for. The lodge room is a comfortable one, and were circumstances any way favorable this lodge would soon regain its old position as one of the best in the district. The brethren very kindly paid my expenses.

The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: Visited this lodge on the 6th of May. The third degree was worked fairly well by the regular officers. As the revision of the by-laws was under discussion, the officers were not in a condition to do themselves justice; but I know them to be all good and capable workmen. The Wor. Master is an agreeable and popular ruler, but a little too amiable in his disposition, with the result that the brethren take more liberties with the chair than they would were he a little firmer and more prompt in the exercise of the gavel. I am also compelled to notice a growing spirit of bitterness in debate that is foreign to this, otherwise, model lodge, and entirely out of harmony with the teachings of the Craft. Surely we get enough of this kind of thing in our daily lives without dragging it into our lodges—places that should be kept sacred to the cultivation of friendship. I trust, however, that when the matter of by-laws is settled this unpleasantness will pass away and that "white winged peace" will once more brood over the fortunes of Tuscan, 195. This lodge has made wonderful progress during the past few years and has every indication of continued prosperity. The able R. W.

Bro. who acts as Secretary looks after the affairs of his office with commendable business tact. The dues are in good shape, only seven members being in arrears. Insured jointly with the other lodges.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas : For this year, at least, St. Thomas, No. 44, can lay claim to being the banner lodge of the district, having added to its roll the largest number of new members—some seventeen of an increase. Not only, I am given to understand, does it lead in this particular, but also in point of excellence of work. I visited it on the 2nd of May and found a fair attendance. The candidate who was expected to be present to receive his degree failed to materialize. The Wor. Master, however, for my edification, opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees, and it is only justice to say that I have never seen this comparatively simple ceremony performed better. The W. Master is a thorough general in the control of his officers, and they, as well as the brethren on the floor, appreciate his firm but kindly rule, which is certainly evidenced by the fact of their re-electing him for a second term. I regret to say, however, that the payment of dues does not receive that attention it should ; the arrearages totaling some \$340.00. I cannot believe it is the fault of R. W. Bro. Slater, the esteemed Secretary, who is a particularly careful and efficient officer, rather much it be the good natured leniency of the lodge generally. Possibly it is the fact of their having a surplus of some \$800 in the treasury that creates this indifference. Membership, 140; property insured for \$800. Prospects are certainly good.

King Solomon, No. 394, Thamesford : Was so unfortunate a few years ago as to loose everything by fire, and has since met in the Orange Hall. The brethren, however, under strong recommendation of R. W. Bro. Broderick, P.D D.G.M., and other interested friends have, with commendable enterprise, recently erected a new hall, which, in point of comfort and convenience, compares very favorably with the best in the district. On the 7th of February last it was formally dedicated by Grand Lodge; R. W. Bro. W. Gibson, D. G. M., acting as Grand Master, on which occasion I acted in my capacity of G. J. Warden. With such favorable surroundings there is no reason why this lodge should not occupy one of the foremost positions in the district, as the brethren individually are a superior class of men. Unfortunately there is an evident want of harmony existing amongst them, the cause of which no one seems able to explain. In their intercourse with one another in the outside world, mutual respect seems to be their

distinguishing characteristic, but the very reverse is the case when "they meet upon the level." The natural outcome of this unhappy state of affairs is that the "insinuating" black is very active of late, and at the present writing "protests and rumors of protests" are in the air. I feel that this lack of harmony is due to the want of a more intimate knowledge of each other's peculiarities of constitution. That their by-laws requires two black balls for rejection shows an evident want of confidence, and, is in my opinion, a mistake. Were the honorable instincts of the brethren more appealed to, I am sure all this misunderstanding would pass away and harmony replace discord. I sincerely hope that the future may be full of promise for the brethren of 394.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London: Free from internal dissensions and undisturbed by wars from without, this old lodge pursues the even tenor of its way, nobly filling its niche in the great work of the Craft. In addition to its being the oldest and wealthiest lodge in this western part of the jurisdiction, it also enjoys with its sister lodge, No. 209a, the special privilege of working a ritual other than that prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Canada. This was a concession granted by the Grand Lodge in consideration of them relinquishing their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The wisdom of our early rulers is shown in the fact that these two lodges have always lead in membership and quality of work. It has been insinuated at various times by mis-informed brethren of Grand Lodge that a jealousy exists between these and the other city lodges. To this I have no hesitation in giving an unqualified denial; for to my own personal knowledge the very reverse is the case. Indeed, their presence acts as a stimulus to Craft work generally. In order to render their work effective, the highest order of efficiency must be maintained on the part of the officers; this is naturally communicated to other lodges, and creates a spirit of emulation which is beneficial to the whole Craft. Jealousy is an acknowledgement of inferiority; surely, we have no brethren in our jurisdiction who are so weak and disloyal as to acknowledge our beautiful ritual to be inferior to any in existence. I visited St. John's at its regular meeting in June. All the officers were present and the first degree was faultlessly worked by the Wor. Master and his efficient staff. As this is the wealthiest lodge, so does it lead in the great work of the Craft, that of charity. It certainly realizes the benefits of the old scriptural injunction to "cast thy bread upon the waters." V. W. Bro. Dawson, who acts as Secretary, is a most proficient accountant. In a communi-

cation accompanying the return of the statement of his lodge as prescribed by Grand Lodge, he takes exception to a couple of questions contained therein, which is best given by quoting his own words: "There are two questions asked which I consider only effecting the lodges themselves, and which is no part or business of the Grand Lodge, and that is the number of members twelve months in arrears, and the total of all arrearages. We have to pay taxes on all our members and if we allow them to run over a year or even two years in arrears, it should only affect ourselves, and is particularly our own business."

Belmont Lodge, No. 110, Belmont: On the 7th of June the first of the two Lodges of Instruction referred to in the beginning of this report was held at Belmont in the lodge room of the above lodge; Belmont, 190, Moffat, 399, and Nilestown, 345, taking part by working the degrees respectively. The officers of Belmont Lodge worked the first degree, and considering it was their first work for the year did remarkably well. The W.M. is a very popular ruler and had he more material to practice on, would make a good ritualist. This old lodge is not as prosperous as it deserves; this is partly owing to the close contiguity of other lodges it has fathered in the past, and which now narrows its territory; but the chief cause is the presence of numberless benefit societies that have taken root in this "society loving" neighborhood. While association with these is highly commendable, yet, let me remind the brethren of old 190 that in the pursuit of the "ellusive dollar" they should not forget the sentiment of fraternity inculcated by their first love—Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry. R. W. Bro. Boyd is an excellent Secretary, always keeping a sharp lookout for delinquents, but with all his vigilance there are too many brethren in arrears who should either pay up or suffer suspension.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown: The second degree was worked by the officers of the above lodge in a manner removing it far beyond adverse criticism, every officer sharp and prompt doing his work without any of those unpleasant hitches which so often mar otherwise good work. The W. M. Wor. Bro. McDougal is a bright young worker, keeping his officers well in hand, and imparting to them that enthusiasm which evidently inspires himself. I regret to say that the examination of the books did not impress me so favorably as did their work. Judging from the number of suspensions this lodge has simply been made a convenience for persons who should never have been permitted to join the Craft. Within

the past year, at least, this lodge has not prospered to any great extent. Its financial standing is good, owning its own hall, fully paid for and a surplus of \$75 00 in the treasury. Doubtless inspired by this happy condition, the agreeable Secretary in reply to the question, "Prospects of Lodge?" writes, "Good" in a manner that is at once brief and encouraging. May he not be disappointed.

Moffatt Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville: The brethren of this lodge covered themselves with glory in the manner in which they handled the third degree. Indeed the W. M. displayed talents that had a touch of the histrionic in them, and the other offices were equally brilliant. Although this is the smallest lodge in a district, they deserve credit for the high standard of work they maintain and the unflagging interest they take in the welfare of their lodge. The Secretary, Wor. Brother Jelly, keeps his books in a business-like manner; dues fairly well paid; but I noticed that one brother owes the tidy little sum of \$19.50. He however has signified his intention of settling at once. A lodge that permits such an arrearage as this is more in fault than the offending brother, and should not exact from him the full amount. Prospects of lodge are fair. At the termination of this very satisfactory meeting, the brother of Belmont entertained the other lodges and visitors to what is usually described as a "sumptuous repast"; something which this lodge is noted for. In connection with this meeting I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Brodrick, P. D. D. G. M., to whom I am deeply grateful not only for his assistance in in this case but for his many kindnesses rendered me in connection with my duties as acting D. D. G. M.

Killwinning Lodge, No. 64: I departed from my usual custom of non-notification and informed the Wor. Master of my intention to visit his lodge at its regular meeting in June, consequently I found all the officers in their places and a fair attendance of brethren. The officers acquitted themselves well, the W. M., Wor. Bro. Dambra, is a conscientious worker. A little more self reliance will prove, however, an invaluable aid to him, but his earnestness and evident desire to create and maintain harmony amongst the brethren more than compensates for any trifling deficiencies in detail of work. The S. W. looks after the West in a manner that leaves no room for doubt that he will eventually grace the East to the entire satisfaction of his brethren. Everything considered, no lodge in the district is in better shape or has brighter prospects than Old Killwinning, 64. I did not examine the books for the reason that the Secretary evinced a decided disposition to

baulk my enquiry into the state of his lodge. In fact I found it necessary to request the Wor. Master to instruct him to furnish me with the desired information. "Want of time and peculiarities of temperament" are pleaded as an excuse for his discourtesy. Brethren who accept the office of Secretary, and especially those who are paid, should remember that they owe the business of the lodge the same care and attention as their own affairs receive, and that they thereby surrender the exclusive right to inflict their "peculiarities" on their suffering brethren. Next to the Wor. Master in the East no place is tact and courtesy better shown or more expected than at the Secretary's desk. In justice, however, to this brother it is only right to state that he is one of the best accountants in the city, and I have not the least doubt that his books are models of neatness and accuracy.

King Solomon, No. 378, London West : I was present last November at the election of officers in this lodge and was favorably impressed with the prospects then presented. The officers selected even above the average, a fact demonstrated by the efficient work now being done. I have since examined the books, which I was given to understand were not in very good shape. In this I was agreeably disappointed, as they proved, with the exception of the minutes, which are badly written, to be up to the average. The W. M. Wor. Bro. Element is a shining light in the East, and everything considered, the future is full of promise for King Solomon, 378.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London : This is the largest lodge in the district, and, like its sister Lodge, No. 20, is permitted to work the Irish Ritual. The membership is principally composed of young, bright Masons, who take great interest in the work and the general progress of the lodge. Owing to its size promotion among its officers is necessarily slow ; greater proficiency is also expected of them, resulting in a general desire on the part of the brethren for a wider range of knowledge in craft work. Indeed from long observation I would say that every brother of 209a expects some time to "pass the Chair." Considering its age, size and class of membership, the financial condition is not at all satisfactory. This doubtless is owing to the generous hospitality of the brethren, who apparently forget that their first duty is to be just before being generous. The Secretary in his returns gives the total of arrearages at \$737.00. This is a mistake. I am personally aware that \$200.00 is nearer the mark. No fears need be entertained for the future of this old lodge. In connection with this brief epitome I may be permitted to say

that a very large number of the members of the district view with alarm the notice of motion given by P. G. M. M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson. They very naturally ask "Are they under a ban?" If they are not, and the Grand Lodge at Owen Sound spoke with no uncertain sound in that regard, then why is it the Grand Lodge is asked to pass such a restrictive resolution and to incorporate the same in its constitution. The only effect the passage of such a motion will have will be the creating of a spirit of unrest amongst the brethren, which bodes no good to Craft Masonry in London. In the past the visitations of these lodges, on invitation purely, have been attended with the most beneficial results, and as one who has had an opportunity of hearing the views and opinions of leading craftsmen in the district regarding this matter, I enter a decided protest against the passage of such an ill-timed resolution as that fathered by Past Grand Master Ross Robertson. I have no fear, however, that the intelligent, fair minded members of the Grand Lodge will cast their votes in favor of such a motion.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston : Visited May 8th. The W. M. and J. W. were the only regular officers present. A temperance meeting in progress in the village was given as a reason for the absence of the others. It may have been the great heat of the night that affected the brethren, but it struck me very forcibly that it was indifference. I cannot account for the want of life in this lodge. It possesses a couple of the best posted Masons in the district, and the brethren generally are above the average in point of intelligence, but the moment they strike the lodge room suspended animation takes place. Last year they initiated a Rev. Bro., who is now the S. W., and in examining the books I see the initiation fee of \$20, less Grand Lodge registration is returned. This is a custom of many lodges, which I think is wrong in principle. It is a tacit acknowledgement of an inferiority which does not exist. The hall is jointly owned by the lodge and another society ; has a membership of 54 ; in debt \$160 ; property insured for \$350 ; prospects doubtful.

Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale : Accompanied by a Wor. Bro., C. F. Mansell, of Toronto, and the Bros. Wood, of London. I visited this lodge at its regular meeting in April. In this meeting I had previously summoned the officers of Middlesex Lodge, 379, to facilitate the settlement of the dispute between the two lodges previously referred to. The attendance was not so large as I would liked to have seen, but this was owing to the bad state of the roads. Middlesex, to

its credit be it said, turned out well, thereby evidencing their desire to have all differences settled. Mt. Olivet does not boast of a large membership, but, being composed of the best material obtainable in the country, it can be properly said that they are strong in "moral worth." The condition of the lodge is first-class. The brethren own their own hall, which is fully paid for, and had a balance in the hands of a very careful Treasurer of some \$250. The hall was recently damaged by fire, but fortunately they had a good insurance, which fully covered all loss. In the words of the courteous and painstaking Secretary the prospects of No. 300 are "luminous."

St. David's Lodge, No. 392, St. Thomas: Possessing the advantages that this lodge does it should stand among the first in the district, but such unfortunately is not the case. Last year it presented the highest total of arrearages and this year its showing is not much improved. True, the pruning knife of suspension is now at work but not very vigorously. The brethren formerly met in the same lodge room as St. Thomas, 44, but have recently removed to a new and well appointed one of their own. Candidly speaking, I fail to see the necessity for two lodge rooms in St. Thomas. Were they situated at the extreme ends of the city it would appear reasonable, but their close proximity to each other presents an object lesson that is not hard to comprehend. Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Davis and Wor. Bro. McWhinney I officially visited the lodge on May the 16th. In the absence of work, the W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner. With such an intelligent and courteous Secretary, and having amongst its members one of the best P. D. D. G. M.'s of this district, it certainly ought to present a better showing.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station: I paid this lodge a flying visit on the 4th April. The W. M. and S. M. absent. Wor. Bro. Wade, P. M., took the chair and opened and closed the lodge in the first and second degrees; also examined a couple of candidates for advancement, who proved themselves well posted, showing that this duty is well looked after in Merrill Lodge, one, indeed, that is lamentably neglected by the lodges generally throughout the district; an important duty every lodge owes its candidates, that they should be well and thoroughly posted. The books are well kept, dues well paid, only two members in arrears. The lodge room has been recently refurnished in a neat and tasteful manner, making it one of the most comfortable in the district. It is worthy of note that the W. M.'s pedestal and gavel and the altar lights

are those used by the old Mt. Moriah Lodge, the first chartered lodge in this district, having been instituted away back in 1818. They were presented to the lodge many years ago by the Wor. Bro. Merrill, an old member of Mt. Moriah and after whom No. 344 is named. The future prospects of Merrill Lodge are bright.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton : On the 13th of June, accompanied by Wor. Bros. Greer and McWhinney and Bro. Weldon, I attended the second Lodge of Instruction, in the Doric Lodge room, Lobo. Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, and Doric Lodge, No. 289, exemplified the three degrees respectively. A very large number was present and the greatest enthusiasm and good fellowship prevailed. The officers of Henderson, 388, performed the work of the first degree fairly well, but were somewhat handicapped by the intense heat and crowded state of the room in the early part of the evening. The W. M., Wor. Bro. Fraser, is an enthusiast in his work, and is fully qualified to work all the degrees. This lodge has fallen behind in the past year, but I believe the retrogression is only temporary and that it will soon resume its place in the onward march of progress. The brethren were so unfortunate this spring to lose by death their popular S. W., who, had he lived, would have been a successful ruler. The books are not kept with that neatness which should distinguish them. With the recent election of a new Secretary doubtless that little fault will be removed. Prospects favorable.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware : The officers of this lodge exemplified the second degree in a very intelligent manner. The W. M., Wor. Bro. Hammond, is a complete master of the English language, which enables him to render his work in an expressive and comprehensive manner. This is a necessary accomplishment that a few of the W. Masters should cultivate, as nothing is so distressing to an intelligent candidate as to be forced to listen to some representative of King Solomon "carving the Queen's English." To use a popular expression, Delaware Valley is an "up to date" lodge. Next to Malahide, 140, it leads amongst the country lodges in amount of work done during the year, and the palm must be conceded to it for the best kept books in the whole district. It was a genuine pleasure to examine them. The dues are well paid up, while books show some twenty-one members over twelve months in arrears, yet few of them exceed that limit. Prospects are very good.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo : The officers of Doric took

charge of the third degree. The W. M. was, unfortunately, suddenly taken ill and was forced to resign his chair to W. Bro. (Dr.) Graham, P. M., who though suddenly called upon to perform the work acquitted himself most creditably. The subordinate officers gave good support, proving themselves well posted. This is one of the best lodges in the district. The brethren take a commendable pride in keeping up the standard of quality, and admitting none but the best in the community. The books are in good condition, being well looked after by Wor. Bro. (Dr.) Graham, the courteous secretary. At the conclusion of this meeting, the brethren of Doric, like their Belmont brethren, generously entertained the visiting brethren in a most hospitable manner.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer: This is one of the brightest lodges of the District. Indeed, it may be truly said of the brethren of Malahide that their Masonry is not confined to the narrow limits of the lodge room, but is carried into the world influencing and controlling every act of their lives. It is particularly pleasant to note the interest the aged members of the lodge take in its affairs, and the courtesy and kindness with which they are treated by the younger brethren. In the early part of last November I attended in my capacity as G. J. Warden the dedication by M. W. Bro. Gibson, P. G. M., of their new and beautiful lodge room which, without making any unpleasant comparison, is the handsomest in the district. The attendance was very large, including many prominent members of Grand Lodge. From observation I would say that the success of Malahide Lodge is principally due to the care exercised by the brethren in admitting none but the very best material, with the result that those who are thus favored appreciate the honor, and not only take pride in maintaining the standing of their own lodge but the good name of Masonry generally. The future of Malahide is indeed full of promise.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London: My visit to this old lodge on the 1st of May was a pleasure. I found all the officers present, and witnessed the work of the first and third degrees in an almost faultless manner. The first degree was conferred on a very intelligent candidate by V. Wor. Bro. Burke, a brother to whom not only is his mother lodge deeply indebted but the craft generally in the city of London. The W. M. Wor. Bro. Hayman exemplified the third degree in a manner that leaves no room for doubt that St. George's Lodge has at its head a W. M. who is well qualified to uphold its high character. The prosperity of this lodge is largely due to the number of good solid business men who take a pleasure

in seeing its affairs correctly administered. Further it is blest with a good secretary who is thoroughly posted in its affairs, and who is deservedly popular with the brethren. Out of a total of 104 members only eight are in arrears; property insured jointly with other lodges; prospects bright.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley: Visited this lodge at the regular meeting on the 9th of July. All the officers were present, with a good attendance of the brethren. As there was no degree work on hand I had not a good opportunity of judging the abilities of the officers; but from the manner in which they opened and closed the lodge I feel safe in saying that they are fairly well posted. St. Mark's, considering its somewhat isolated position, has made commendable progress during the year. The brethren attend well, and thereby encourage their officers. The secretary is a good one, as the condition of his books will testify. There are no brethren in arrears. Prospects are most favorable.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: I have not visited this Lodge, but have kept a close communication with its secretary, and feel convinced that it is on the right track. I also revised their by-laws, which is a further evidence that they are progressing.

DEATHS.

The following lodges have seen some beloved brother "pass in behind that door that never swings outward." St. John's Lodge, No. 20, mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Moffat, P. G. M., to whose death no doubt suitable reference will be made by the Committee on Fraternal Dead. Nos. 42, 44, 64, 104, 121, 209a, 301, 330, 380, 388 and 394, also add to the roll.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted two dispensations, one to Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton, on May the 18th, for the purpose of attending Divine Service, and one for a like purpose to the chairman of the joint committees in the City of London on June the 23rd.

REMARKS.

From close observation I would say that this district is too congested. Not only are there too many country lodges but the city is overcrowded, resulting in a weakness to Grand Lodge. Justice is also too lax, and is not administered with that promptness and impartiality which many of the offences against our rulers deserve.

In the examination of the books throughout the district I

was painfully struck by the large number of suspended and unaffiliated brethren ; with the former I have no sympathy. These brethren are for the most part the drones of Masonry, having joined the Craft from selfish or mercenary motives, and finding there was nothing in it for them, allowed themselves to be suspended. With the latter class it is different. I took the trouble to interview a number and found them of the better class of society. All, without exception, assured me of their high esteem for the principles of the Craft, and had joined the Order because it had expressed to them the ideal system of human friendship, but had become disgusted by witnessing some gross violations of its beautiful teachings and in consequence had severed their connection therewith. I may say, however, as a hint worthy the consideration of future D. D. G. M.'s, that a number of these worthy brethren when pointed out the fact that they should not judge the many by the actions of the few, and after discussing the matter generally, expressed their early intention of rejoining the "old ship."

SECRETARIES.

To these faithful officers I beg to tender my sincere thanks. All, with the one exception noted in this report, have endeavored to lighten my labors by doing all in their power to facilitate the work placed in my hands. To many their work is one of self-sacrifice, and they deserve every consideration at the hands of the brethren.

Before bringing this report to a close, I beg to draw the attention of the brethren to the pernicious system which obtains in this district of allowing sectional considerations to enter into these selections of D. D. G. M. The office is a too sacred and responsible one to be tossed about here and there. Merit, and merit alone, irrespective of locality or other like considerations should be the only claim to the position.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. E. COOPER,

Acting D. D. G. M., London, District No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.		Degree's conf'r'd		Adhila-tions.	Restorations.	Resig-nations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.						F. C.	M. M.	Regular.										Emergent.	Total.
20	St. John's...	London	154	10	...	6	4	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	16	30	168 42	40	400 00	Dec. 31, '94.	Good.	Yes	\$150 00	
42	St. George.	London	104	3	4	3	3	3	1	2	...	1	1	1	1	2	13	35	40 00	75 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Yes	Jointly	
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	140	17	1	10	8	11	9	...	2	5	...	1	1	8	22	30	10 00	340 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Yes	800 00	
61	Kilwinning	London	151	...	4	3	5	5	4	...	7	...	...	1	1	2	12	35	140 00	175 00	Dec. 31, '94.	Good.	Yes	Jointly
94	St. Mark's.	Port Stanley	31	2	...	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	11	13	35 00	...	...	Good.	Yes	250 00
107	St. Paul's.	Lambeth	30	5	3	5	4	4	1	...	3	...	...	1	1	13	13	25	40 00	4	15 50	Good.	Yes	120 00
120	Warren	Wingal	51	1	...	1	2	2	1	...	4	...	...	1	1	12	12	13	13 00	6	10 00	Good.	Yes	40 00
140	Malahide.	Aylmer	77	6	5	3	2	3	4	...	3	...	...	1	1	14	16	24	100 00	151 50	June 24, '84.	Good.	Yes	1000 00
171	Pr. of Wales	Iona	42	...	4	1	1	1	2	...	3	...	...	1	1	10	13	12	134 00	134 00	June 24, '91	Fair.	Yes	400 00
176	Spartan	Sparta	23	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	9	...	15 00	June 24, '95.	Fair.	Yes	20 00
190	Belmont	Belmont	19	1	2	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	12	12	28	...	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Fair.	No	800 00
195	Tuscan	London	74	2	...	3	3	3	1	2	...	2	...	1	1	11	12	40	14 40	45 00	June '94.	Good.	Yes	Sufficient	
232	St. John's.	London	179	7	1	13	10	1	1	2	...	3	...	1	1	10	22	10	63 50	737 00	June 24, '94.	Good.	Yes	Jointly	
252	Camoron	Dutton	40	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	13	13	10	117 00	117 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Fair.	No	
259	Doric	Lobo	48	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	6	7	17	...	44 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Fair	Yes	Yes.
300	Mt. Olivet.	Thorndale	27	3	1	3	2	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	3	14	12	20 00	21 00	June 24, '94.	Prosper*	Yes	600 00
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	90	...	9	5	5	4	2	1	15	...	...	1	1	13	15	15	95 09	215 94	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Yes	600 00
330	Corinthian	London East	76	10	2	8	9	8	2	1	1	...	...	1	1	13	14	20	15 00	60 00	June '94.	Clear.	Yes	500 00
344	Merrill	Dorchester	26	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	9	9	11	...	12 00	Feb. 7, '95.	Fair	Yes	400 00
345	Niles' own.	Nilestown	26	...	4	4	4	4	1	...	3	...	...	1	1	11	12	15	...	25 00	May 7,	Good.	Yes	500 00
358	Del. Val'ey.	Delaware	42	4	4	4	5	5	...	...	4	...	...	1	1	11	11	16	5 00	53 00		Good.	Yes	600 00
378	King Sol.	London West.	61	5	11	3	3	4	1	2	9	...	...	1	1	12	13	10	120 00	120 00	June 30, '94	Good.	Yes	300 00
379	Middlesex.	Brynaston	24	...	...	3	3	4	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	10	10	14	...	20 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Poor.	Yes	330 00
380	Union	London	75	5	1	5	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	11	12	20	30 00	40	Dec. 18, '93.	Fair.	Yes	200 00
388	Henderson	Illderton	43	1	...	3	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	1	1	14	15	12	20 00	20 00		Fair.	Yes	200 00
394	King Sol.	Thamesford	49	1	...	3	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	1	1	11	12	185 12	10 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Yes	1500 00	
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	20	2	1	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	12	14	10	42 35	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	No		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry during the past year I am more than gratified with being in a position to report material progress. I must again thank the brethren in the district for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to preside over and direct their councils. It is an honor appreciated as it was unsought, because unthought of, and the kind manner in which I have been treated throughout the district but warrants me in here mentioning what I owe to my brethren. There are only fourteen lodges in the district. As you must be aware it has been carved out of two others, and though small I have always considered it the most important under your jurisdiction. Having that opinion immediately after my installation I proposed to some of the leaders of the craft the desirability of holding central lodges of instruction. In doing this I had two objects in view, one being to introduce uniformity in every part of our district and the other to bring the brethren from the different lodges in the district together and make them known to each other. Each of my objects I am proud to say was attained, as after visiting every lodge in the district (with the exception of one) and closely scrutinizing every portion of our interior work, I think I can say that none but a critic could distinguish a difference. I have another pleasing feature of progress to report. We had in this district, as I presume is to be found in every district under your jurisdiction, a number of improperly made Masons, not so owing to any fault of them but improperly made through ignorance. R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, of Stratford, is entitled to the thanks and deserving of the credit of bringing eighteen of these under our jurisdiction. Under your dispensation I healed on the 27th of December last sixteen of these and later on two more. I understand from notices since received that these eighteen brethren have affiliated with the two city lodges, thus crowning the work started by my R. W. Bro.

ARREARAGES.

I now come to a matter that is not so pleasing. I find only one lodge in the district that has no brother twelve months in

arrears. It is extremely gratifying to find even one lodge in that pleasant condition and I must attribute this happy result to Bro. H. W. Copus, the efficient secretary of Stratford Lodge ; there may also be something owing to the master in that regard, who is one of the brightest young Masons in the district. I quite endorse what was said by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Dawson, in his report to you last year, and only desire to add thereto, in order to induce my brethren who throughout the district have charge of the finances of their lodges, the desirability of emulating the happy financial condition of Stratford Lodge.

MEETINGS.

There is only one lodge in the district, Irving, No. 154, Lucan, that has not held the regular number of meetings. They met only eight times during the year, but if every meeting of Irving Lodge was as grand a success as the meeting of the 13th of June they need never complain. Their W. M. has been removed and this of course has interfered with their order of business. As I said before I visited every lodge in the district with the exception of one, New Dominion, No. 205, of Hamburg, and I owe it to the fact that the secretary of that lodge is apparently its master and regulates its meetings. It seems to me that too much space is taken up in reporting the proceedings of Grand Lodge by D. D. G. M.'s reporting individual lodge visits, but until Grand Lodge pronounces thereon I will not depart from this ancient landmark of the Order.

Lebanon Forest : This is my mother lodge, and of course I could not say anything against her. She is now in charge of children, although bright young Masons. V. W. Bro. Eacrett is the great grandfather of this lodge, and she owes him a great deal. He is one of the best secretaries in the district, and one of the oldest Masons (according to his own story). I did not pay what you might call an official visit, because I am there at every meeting. Lebanon Forest is doing good work, and with a more appropriate lodge-room would be one of the best lodges in the district. This is one of the lodge-rooms I have repeatedly condemned, because no matter how careful the Master and his officers may be in the exemplification of the work it can be heard in the ante-rooms (if they may be so called).

Zurich Lodge : This lodge meets in Hensall ; they formerly met in Zurich (hence the name.) V. W. Bro. Buchanan is a member of this lodge, and is highly appreciated among them.

The lodge exemplified the opening and closing in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees at our lodge of instruction at Clinton, very much to their own credit and to the pleasure of those present.

Maitland Lodge : Maitland has ninety-two members, according to their report, but still has \$200.00 of arrears. W. Bro. Crystal, I am sorry to say, is not a good collector. R. W. Bros. Radcliffe and Beck are members of this lodge, but are as poor collectors as W. Bro. Crystal. It is simply a mistake for a lodge of this size to have this amount of arrears. During the past year it was with great regret that I presided at the funeral service of the first D. D. G. M. of this district, R. W. Bro. Toms (thirty-two degrees.) He was a large souled Mason, and his advancement was as high as it could have been. He was my own personal friend. He was a learned and popular judge. He was a grand Mason with a large charitable heart, and his absence at Grand Lodge will be regretted. The grand old trees of Masonry drop one by one ; we hear them fall and we miss their grand and stately presence, but we cherish a fond remembrance of the perfume and shade they gave us during many a hot and weary day. I would ask every Mason in the district to drop a sympathetic tear over the grave of our departed brother, and render to his memory the praise to which his virtue has entitled him. We commit his body to the grave, we cherish his memory in our hearts, and we commend his spirit to God who gave it.

Morning Star : I visited Morning Star at an emergency meeting which they were kind enough to call for me. This is one of the two lodges in the district whose Masters cannot exemplify all the degrees. I cannot too strongly condemn the electing of any brother as worshipful master of a lodge who cannot exemplify all the work. He is no credit to the lodge and the office is no honor to him. I am sorry to say that I have to apply these same remarks to St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's. I was very kindly treated by the brethren of Morning Star, and knowing them to be all good fellows I think they will pardon the wholesome advice I have given them above.

Blyth : W. Bro. Tiernay presides over this lodge, and is as fine a worker as there is in the district. I had a pleasant visit there on the 7th of June. They passed a brother. I would recommend the deacons of this lodge to cultivate a stronger voice, because I believe the brethren on the floor of the lodge are as much interested in the ceremony as they are. W. Bro. Tiernay and his officers exemplified the Fellowcraft's degree at

our lodge of instruction at Clinton, and their work left nothing to be desired. I must particularly refer to the grace with which Bro. Amy discharged his duties.

Clinton: The brethren of Clinton are entitled to much credit from me and all the thanks I can give them. They entertained us grandly at our second lodge of instruction, and exemplified ably the Master Mason's degree. There is nothing small about Clinton Lodge. P. M. Bro. Doan, is one of the oldest members of this lodge, and I am told that his name appears on the register every meeting night. Their prospects are bright. Clinton has contributed between \$50.00 and \$100.00 to relief during the year which is greatly to their credit.

(Tecumseh and Stratford): I must bracket these two lodges, as what I might say of one applies equally to the other. It is almost impossible to distinguish one from the other except by their officers. Their total increase of membership during the year is thirty-three, of which nineteen goes to the credit of Stratford. Each lodge has during the year held nearly three times as many meetings as any other lodge in the district. They have one of the best lodge-rooms under your jurisdiction, and when they complete the improvements they contemplate they will have the best. I was entertained three times during the year by the brethren of these lodges, and shall never forget the evenings of pleasure we spent. On the evening of our first lodge of instruction we had a programme of music that could not be excelled. It is to the combined exertions of the joint committee of these two lodges that I owe the success of our (grand) lodge of instruction. I call it grand because in my opinion it was the most successful and enthusiastic lodge of instruction ever held in the Province. All the lodges of this district were represented except two. The officers of Britannia Lodge exemplified the Entered Apprentice degree, W. Bro. Holwell, of Wilmot Lodge, with his officers, exemplified the Fellowcraft's degree, while W. Bro. McFadden and his officers exemplified the Master Mason's degree. There were a number of Past and Present Grand Lodge officers with us, and it was conceded by all that the work was exemplified (to say the least) as it should be. I must thank V. W. Bro. McKeller, W. Bro. Sanagan and R. W. Bros. McClellan and Harding, for the assistance they have given me in the discharge of my duties. W. Bro. Macfadden, of Stratford, has been my best friend and in a great measure I owe it to him that my year's work has been so successful.

Britannia: I visited this lodge with Bro. Levett, my Dis-

trict Secretary. W. Bro. Reid, assisted by W. Bro. Macfadden, of Stratford, raised three candidates. I have spoken elsewhere of W. Bro. Macfadden's work and need not here repeat it. W. Bro. Reid is an attractive worker and is desirous of keeping everything perfect, in which he is ably seconded by his wardens and deacons. They have only six members on their books twelve months in arrears. Bro. J. O. Rose, their Secretary, keeps their books as they should be kept. At this visit I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Rev. J. W. Hodgins, Grand Chaplain, and I may here say that Britannia's satisfactory standing owes much to his exertions.

Wilmot : Accompanied by W. Bro. Sanagan, V. W. Bro. McKeller, R. W. Bro. McLellan and W. Bro. Macfadden I visited the most hospitable lodge in the district on the hottest night of the season. The mercury stood in the nineties. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Goodier, the P. D. D. G. M. of district No. 2. I did not ask W. Bro. Holwell and his officers to exemplify any work as they had no candidate. As I mentioned before W. Bro. Holwell and his officers exemplified the Fellowcrafts degree at our first lodge of instructions, and the only thing that could possibly exceed the excellence of that work was the excellence of their hospitality on our visit. I must particularly mention W. Bro. Erbach and his quartette who contributed very greatly to the enjoyment of my visit.

Doric : W. Bro. A. S. Thornton presides over this lodge, and one of my pleasantest visits was paid to it. Bro. Levett drove me across from Exeter ; I here again met W. Bro. Macfadden. I saw them initiate two candidates, one whose excellence particularly struck me—the Principal of the Public Schools of Ailsa Craig. W. Bro. Thornton and his officers are good workers, and have profited by the lodge of instruction in Stratford. Doric is well ruled, and their prospects are the brightest. Bro. F. W. Hutchins, the Secretary of this Lodge, is the only Secretary who has sent me a report of every meeting. His books are a model of neatness. R. W. Bro. Dawson, my immediate predecessor, is a member of this lodge, and I was pleased to again meet him.

Tudor : Accompanied by Bro. Brown, of Stratford, I visited this lodge. W. Bro. Thompson, who is a fellow lawyer, was in the chair, being the present master. This is one of the two lodges that was not represented at our lodges of instruction, and at my visit this was too manifest. Tudor kindly called an emergent meeting at my request, as it was impossible for me to reach them on their regular meeting. I had

them exemplify the opening and closing of the three degrees, give the penalties of the obligations and the secrets pertaining to each. They were very nearly correct. I consider this lodge well officered and able to do efficient work.

New Dominion : This is the only lodge in the district that I was unable to visit, and that was owing to an omission of the secretary in not handing my communication requesting an emergent meeting, to the master. This is one of the smallest lodges in membership in the district, and during the past year no increase has been reported.

St. James : I visited St. James the latter end of June and regret that I cannot report as well of them as I would like to. A candidate was raised, the work being well exemplified by P. M. Gillies, the master being unable to exemplify the work of any of the degrees. I endeavored to impress upon the brethren the mistake they had made and the injury they were doing their lodge in being careless in the selection of their master. The wardens of this lodge are excellent workers and as I have no doubt they will receive promotion at the next election of officers I may safely predict a successful future for St. James.

In closing this report and handing the district over to my successor I do so with mingled feelings of satisfaction and regret. I have received the greatest kindness at the hands of the brethren and any suggestion of mine has been immediately acted upon, and the satisfactory condition of the district is largely due to the assistance I have received. In the payment of expenses the brethren have been liberal. Finally let me thank all the brethren who assisted me and who have lightened what was a welcome burden.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. H. COLLINS,
D. D. G. M., South Huron District, No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in South Huron District, No. 4, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increased during year.	Decrease during year.	Degrees conf'd		Attractions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
					E. A.	F. C.							M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.										Total.
33	Maitland ...	92	4	...	2	2	1	4	3	13	9	22	18	\$75 00	30	\$200 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Yes.
309	Morn. Star	54	2	1	2	3	2	1	13	13	13	...	13	20 00	31	161 25	May 16, '95.	Fair.	Fair.	No	\$ 600 00
303	Blyth.....	51	2	...	2	2	3	2	12	2	14	...	25	00	16	80 78	June 14, '95.	Bright.	Bright.	Yes	None.
84	Clinton.....	65	9	2	6	6	4	1	2	...	1	13	3	16	25	62 50	14	60 00	Dec. 27, '94	Bright.	Bright.	Yes	200 00	
170	Britannia.....	79	4	...	7	7	6	1	3	...	1	14	2	16	22	5 00	6	105 65	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00	
141	Tudor.....	36	5	4	5	5	5	3	2	4	...	13	13	15	...	...	4	29 75	Dec. '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
332	Stratford.....	120	19	12	17	20	14	6	1	...	1	13	14	27	41	39 35	11	62 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	F'st class	Yes	1500 00	
144	Tecumseh.	102	14	...	8	4	2	9	1	3	1	13	3	16	37	30 00	...	127 00	Dec. 27, '94.	A 1	Good.	Yes	1500 00	
205	N. Domin'n	24	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	5	...	12	214	11	...	...	16	...	July, '94	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Yes.
318	Wilnot.....	33	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	...	...	25	81 39	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	450 00
73	St. James..	65	2	...	2	3	4	...	1	5	...	12	1	13	13	...	35	224 00	July, '94	Not good	Fair.	No	500 00	
154	Irving.....	58	1	3	1	1	1	...	3	...	...	18	...	8	10	...	8	21 00	Dec. 27, '93	Good.	Not good	Yes	None.
233	Doric.....	46	4	...	4	4	2	1	...	2	...	11	3	14	15	...	27	137 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	450 00	
133	Leb. Forest	74	6	...	4	3	3	2	...	2	1	17	3	13	15	23	...	4	110 00	Jan. '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
224	Zurich.....	37	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	...	11	...	11	20	...	2	not giv.	Feb. 7, '95.	Good.	Very good	Yes	100 00	

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

Herewith is submitted the annual report in connection with North Huron District.

Before commencing visits there was prepared a complete list of matters to which each lodge was subjected on the occasion of the visit made to it. This list included such subjects as : Appearance and furnishings of the lodge room, opening and closing in the several degrees, ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising, calling off, giving honors, examination of candidates, by-laws, summonses, arrearages, audit, insurance, inspection of minute books, cash books, ledger, registers, Treasurer's books, Auditors' report, relief and other matters pertaining to the general management of lodge work, together with various questions relating to Masonry and the individual duties of separate officers.

The consideration of this somewhat comprehensive "bill of fare" drew forth many points affecting the welfare of each lodge as a lodge, as well as the interests of the whole district and of the fraternity.

As each lodge, therefore, participated in this course, there will be no special necessity to indulge in a repetition of these details in each case, and hence the standing and condition of each lodge can be referred to in a general way.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A successful and profitable lodge of instruction was held at Paisley on Wednesday, 12th June, 1894, under the auspices of Aldworth Lodge, 235, Paisley.

The lodge was opened by W. Bro. Hutchison and officers of Aldworth Lodge, when the first degree was exemplified by Wm. Symon and officers of Cedar Lodge, 396, Wiarton.

W. Bro. P. M. Patterson and officers of Port Elgin Lodge, 429, Port Elgin, ably exemplified the second degree ; and W. Bro. Pengelly and officers of Saugeen Lodge, 197, Walkerton, more than sustained their reputation for excellent work in the exposition of the third degree. R. W. Bro. Telford and V. W. Bro. Harris then carried out another part of the work of an

interesting character, viz.: the thorough examination of a brother about to visit a lodge.

Full and free opportunity was given to ask questions relating to the work, to which questions the committee to whom were referred all such gave suitable replies. The attendance comprised representatives from a large number of the lodges throughout the district, and each one seemed disposed to add his share towards the interest of the meeting.

The meeting was a decided success, and good results must flow from the practical information imparted, from the discussions that took place, from the skilled rendering of the work, from the enthusiasm and interest that were engendered, and from the acquaintanceships that ensued from the meeting together of so many active members of the Craft.

The Paisley brethren royally entertained the visiting brethren at the close of the lodge.

DEDICATION.

The dedication of the lodge-room of Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover, took place on the 9th of November, 1894. Among those who took part on that occasion were R. W. Bros. Telford and Morton, V. W. Bro. Macdonald, W. Bros. Landerkin, McNichol, Standish and Start.

INSTALLATION.

At the close of the Dedication ceremonies the officers of Hanover Lodge were installed by R. W. Bro. Morton.

The officers of Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin, were installed in Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362; Tara, 27th December, 1894, R. W. Bro. Bruce, V. W. Bro. Macdonald and W. Bros. McCullough and Lillie conducting the ceremony.

UNIFORM LODGE BOOKS.

Although North Huron may be as well equipped as any entirely rural district in this jurisdiction, still there is a marked need of some uniform system of lodge books throughout the district. While every lodge has a more or less complete outfit of books, and a few are well furnished in this respect, still, were there some uniform style prepared under Grand Lodge oversight and directed to be used in every lodge, the results would be more than satisfactory, as the lodge records and accounts would be more easily and correctly kept and their inspection and comparison on the occasion of the visits of the D. D. G. M. more effective and useful. Of course there are

secretaries who will keep their books, documents and records in good condition under almost any ordinary circumstances, but there are others who require every outside aid possible in the way of system to enable them to do their work even moderately well, and make even a fairly presentable appearance. It is true a set of books of this kind would not insure an indifferent secretary becoming a good one, but with such a good secretary will continue to do good work, while an inefficient secretary will do better work than with such books as we sometimes see.

HARMONY.

Throughout North Huron District harmony prevails among the lodges. No disagreements of any kind between lodges have been reported or submitted. The interchange of fraternal visits takes place frequently and profitably.

ARREARAGES.

Four lodges report no arrearages, viz : St. Lawrence, No. 131, Southampton ; Port Elgin, No. 429, Port Elgin ; Moravian, No. 431, Eden Grove ; Hanover, No. 432, Hanover. While four others report \$20.00 or under, viz. : Old Light, No. 184, Lucknow ; Saugeen, No. 197, Walkerton ; Maple Leaf, No. 362, Tara ; Cedar, No. 396, Wiarton. Lodges have been particularly urged to attend more closely to the collection of dues and thus obviate a most aggravating source of trouble and annoyance, vexatious alike to the officers and members, and destructive of Masonry's best interests. The presentation to the lodges of a half-yearly auditor's report, thoroughly prepared, would direct the attention of members especially to their financial condition, and would in some cases prevent the possibility of any dissatisfaction regarding the state of lodge funds.

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

Throughout North Huron District Masonry more than maintains its "even tenor" condition. In numbers the returns show a slight decrease during the past year as compared with the previous year's reports.

Those lodges reporting an increase are Nos. 197, 393, 396, 429 and 431 ; those reporting a decrease are Nos. 93, 131, 162, 184, 225, 284, 286 and 362, while Nos. 235, 276, 331 and 341 remain the same. No. 432 reports this year for the first time.

There has been, however, a vigorous weeding out of the

non-productive, and a settled determination to free the membership of the incubus of those who allow themselves to drift into such a state of arrears as to prevent their remaining in active membership with comfort to themselves or satisfaction to the brethren. So that, without any notable variation in membership, Masonry is more thriving and healthy than at the beginning of the year. Owing in a great measure to the earnest, zealous endeavors of past district deputies the work throughout the district is well done. By their visits, their counsel, their encouragement and their assistance they sustained the enthusiasm of the the enthusiastic, while the laggards were incited to action. The subordinates of the past are the masters of to-day. Speaking generally, then, the masters are well skilled and proficient, the wardens and other officers zealous and competent (the secretaries particularly being careful and attentive and doing an amount of work much in excess of that for which an ordinary brother gives them credit). The private members are improving in their Masonic knowledge.

The Past Masters maintain a warm interest in the doings of the lodges, and give evidence of this by their attendance and assistance.

Wherever in a lodge there has been a tendency towards weakness it has been traceable to a combination of circumstances which might be characterized as *misfortunate* rather than being due to any intended personal neglect on the part of those in office. In these cases a fair amount of interest exercised by the members will readily restore the lodge to its former condition of activity and usefulness.

VISITS.

An effort was made to visit each lodge on the evening of its regular meeting. While this has entailed considerable extra time, labor and expense, it is a decided satisfaction to be able to say that it has been successfully accomplished except in one case where a misunderstanding arose by reason of the lodge meeting on or *after* instead of on or *before* full moon.

In doing this every lodge is placed on an equal basis, and no lodge can complain it has been called for an emergent meeting a few days before or a few days after its regular one, and that its representations would have been otherwise under other circumstances. Every lodge has been visited at least once during the term. In almost every instance at the time of the official visit of the D. D. G. M., and in some lodges frequently at other times, after routine lodge work is finished, the brethren in social reunion assemble around the festive

board and partake of the benefit of the interchange of such sentiment as is customary on such occasions. Conducted as these reunions in the fourth degree are, they prove productive of much good to the Craft, and tend to form and cement friendships of a lasting nature.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported :

Name.	Age.	Place.	Lodge.	Date of Death.
West, John		Lucknow	Old Light, 184...	28th Jan., 1894.
Bowman, Jos. S. 59		Listowel.....	Bernard, 225....	8th April, 1895.
Kerr, E. R..... 43		Walkerton....	Saugeen, 197....	9th Oct., 1894.
Hughes, R. B.... 46		Walkerton....	Saugeen, 197....	18th April, '95.
O'Connor, H. B.. 76		Teeswater	Teeswater, 276..	20th Oct., 1894.
Cameron, —		Southampton .	St. Lawrence, 131	
Garland, Wm.... ..		Cargill	Moravian, 432...	8th June, 1895.
Waldo, Samuel... 57		Teeswater	Teeswater, 276....	9th Aug., 1894.

Bros. West, Bowman and Kerr ranked as M. M. ; Bros. Hughes, Cameron and Waldo as P. M. ; and Bro. O'Connor as P. G. S.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: This lodge was started in April, 1894, under circumstances which some regarded as favorable and encouraging. The hopes then entertained have not been fully realized, inasmuch as that zeal and activity necessary for the satisfactory development of the best Masonry seems to be confined to but a few and these few are very indifferently supported. While a fair showing has been made, the greater part of the credit is due to the individual exertions of that enthusiast in Masonry, W. Bro. Sypher, well seconded by the labors of the secretary, W. Bro. Sutherland.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove: From present indications the formation of a lodge at Eden Grove has been amply justified. The brethren are most indefatigable in their endeavors to further the interests of the cause. W. Bros. Pinkerton and Dougan devote their best efforts to promote the welfare of Moravian Lodge, and are doing so successfully.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: Though one of the most recently established, Port Elgin has already been called upon to taste of the bitterness of loss of funds. Independent of this, the brethren show a warm interest in the

preparation of the work. While it made marvellous progress last year, the additions this year have been very small, there having been but one initiation. During the same period there were three resignations. Though but a young lodge they are making laudable efforts towards assuming a place among the best. No arrearages of dues.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: Cedar Lodge sustains the good record made in former days, there having been a steady forward progress during the past year. The members have made an excellent choice in their officers, W. M. Symon in his good work being well supported by his Wardens and other officers. The position of Secretary is well and ably filled by W. Bro. Brown. Cedar Lodge devotes \$15.00 to purposes of charity, for which it is to be commended.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: For a few years past Forest Lodge has been one of the best worked lodges in the district. With a well appointed lodge room, a staff of well skilled officers, and a membership imbued with a corresponding interest in the cause, in 1893, it was "awarded the palm for marked excellence" Owing to the removal from Chesley of their W. M., there has resulted that lack of deep concern which almost invariably follows as a consequence of this condition of affairs, and their state is to-day that they are not in as prime condition as formerly, as may be noticed from their holding but nine regular meetings this year. The membership fully realize this, and it may be safely said that before another year goes by reports from Forest Lodge shall be of a more roseate tinge.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: Owing to the unusually large number of resignations and suspensions, there has been a slight decrease in the membership of Maple Leaf during the past year. The lodge room is comfortable and commodious, but an improvement could be effected by the addition to the furnishings of some few accessories. The work has been fairly well done. With its improved financial outlook, Maple Leaf has good prospects in store. The Past Masters warmly engage in lodge matters. There are but five members twelve months in arrears, these arrearages amounting to \$17.50.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: Bruce Lodge is pursuing a steady progressive course, having the same membership as last year, even after having suffered a material loss by suspensions. Owning their own lodge room, being in good financial condition and, above all, keenly Masonic in spirit, the brethren of Bruce Lodge will do well. W. Bros. Henders, McKellar and Chambers devote considerable attention to the welfare of the lodge.

R. W. Bro. Collins, V. W. Bro. Macdonald, and W. Bro. Macpherson were among those in attendance on the evening of visitation.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich : The good brethren of Fordwich Lodge seem to rest easily and contentedly under a condition of affairs that would not be productive of the best results under all circumstances. With twenty-nine of a membership there are fourteen members twelve months in arrears, these arrearages amounting to \$90.00. It would be well were this otherwise. In other respects Fordwich Lodge makes a very creditable presentation, W. Bro. Brown and P. M.'s Butchart, Donaghy and Wyness, keeping in warm touch with the work, while Bro. Spence devotes attention to the duties of secretary.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham : By the exemplification of the work rendered by W. Bro. Nicoll and his officers, Wingham Lodge gives evidence of the thorough nature of the instruction and guidance given by R. W. Bro. Morton. It would be most gratifying to see Masonic progress made in such a thriving town as Wingham, provided suitable material presented itself. Few lodges are as well furnished in the requisities and fewer still are blessed with such a secretary. Death has reduced the membership by one.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels : In Brussels Masonry has pursued an even course, notwithstanding that matters pertaining to the internal management of the Craft have tended to produce a state of non-progressiveness. This, however, is likely to be merely of a temporary character, so that greater activity will undoubtedly prevail before long. With decreased membership there has been an increase in the number twelve months in arrears with an increase in amount as well. The friends of St. John's would be very much pleased to see a return to its former position of eminence in the district.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater : During the past year a series of misfortunes has attended Teeswater Lodge. The removal of the secretary to another part of the province, the long, continued and very serious illness of W. Bro. Stewart, and the death of V. W. Bro. O'Connor have been quite sufficient to materially affect the progress of 276. There have been but six regular meetings during the year. A large number of the brethren are in arrears. Being free from debt and having cash on hand would indicate comparatively good financial condition. There is material for a good lodge here.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley : The state of Aldworth Lodge during the past year has been one of a somewhat nega-

tive condition. There has been neither increase nor decrease, no initiation, no raising, no passing, no affiliation, restoration, resignation nor suspension, and happily no removal by the "messenger of peace." The illness of the W. M., Bro. McLaren, and the absence of the secretary from Paisley would partially account for this state of quietude. It is anticipated, however, that the W. M. elect, Bro. Barnett, and his staff of officers will have more to do during the coming year. While the Aldworth brethren have been passive as regards active lodge work, they have done more than an ordinary share when it comes to a matter of entertaining visiting brethren. There are ten members twelve months in arrears.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: With a membership of seventy-nine (two less than last year) Bernard Lodge ranks second in point of numbers in North Huron, and this with four resignations and five suspensions during 1894. The good standing of this lodge, both in numbers and Masonic influence, is largely due to the active interest taken in its welfare by R. W. Bro. Campbell and its other Past Masters, who, by regularity of attendance and readiness in assisting, greatly encourage and aid W. Bro. Brook and his efficient staff; as an evidence of this W. Bro. Foster performs the duties of Secretary with close attention and ability. Bernard's attractive lodge room, with its excellent furnishings, affords opportunities for the rendition of lodge work in a superior manner. The brethren of Bernard Lodge have not forgotten to give practical proof of their being Masons otherwise than in name; their charitable donations being liberal (\$20.00.)

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: One of the most active and energetic of lodges and at all times possessing a marked influence in this district is Saugeen, 197. Ranking only sixth in membership, relatively speaking, it has taken a most prominent part in the affairs of North Huron, and for all round good work it has been regarded as one of our good lodges. Saugeen has hitherto borne a large proportion of the honors bestowed by Grand Lodge and in return has not been remiss in extending aid when and where required. The Secretary's good record, not only for general work but particularly for the collection of dues, has been fully sustained, in that there are only three members in arrears (\$16 75). The lodge room and surroundings are complete. An increase of one over last year in membership. R. W. Bros. Green and Telford are members of this lodge.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: The pleasure of the visit to Old Light Lodge was greatly enhanced by the

presence and company of R. W. Bros. Martyn and Collins, and W. Bro. Cooke, of Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine. The ceremony of initiation was conducted by W. M. Bro. Hayes in a very proficient manner. The J. W. being absent, the appropriate lecture was not given. In W. Bro. Days Old Light has an excellent Secretary. There are only five members in arrears (\$12.00). A decrease of four in membership appears from 1894 reports.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter : Here is an instance of one of the pioneer lodges whose field of operations has been greatly circumscribed, yet whose earnest, patient, silent work in the cause of Masonry has been effective. It feels the loss of W. Bro. Ireland and others who have removed beyond its jurisdiction. The past year's record has been one whose endeavor has been to hold their own in numbers and increase their knowledge and acquaintanceship with the doings of the Craft ; in the former of which they have been barely successful, the membership decreasing two ; but in the latter their efforts have been rewarded liberally, as was evident from the exemplification of the second degree by Wor. Bro. Miller and his officers. In devoting \$10.00 to charitable relief Forest Lodge partially atones for having twelve members in arrears of \$70.75.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton : In some previous years the brethren of St. Lawrence have been able to meet only during the winter season. In consequence of this the brethren there, while thorough Masons in heart and soul, have not been distinguished for the superior excellence of their degree work. During the past year, however, there have been held eleven regulars. From the increased frequency of their meetings and from the anticipations regarding the acquisition of new material there may be expected an improvement in those points where, heretofore, they have not appeared to advantage. If they have not excelled in certain parts of the work they certainly lead some of the more pretentious lodges in respect to other matters, as they have no arrearages of dues, they own their lodge building (insured for \$1000), are out of debt and have devoted \$46.00 to relief during 1894 ; truly a most creditable presentation for St. Lawrence Lodge ; their relief donation in proportion to their numbers being most liberal. The interest of the evening's visit was added to by the presence of R. W. Bro. Bruce and several other brethren from Maple Leaf Lodge, 362, Tara.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine : The Pioneer Lodge. In every part of North Huron District where the brethren are acquainted with Northern Light Lodge and its

surroundings their merits are highly spoken of by all. Whether this lodge is regarded from the point of wealth or numbers it matters not, it stands pre-eminent, while as to efficiency and sound Masonic spirit it equals the best. Notwithstanding there have been fourteen suspensions, N. P. D., and two resignations during the past year, the membership numbers ninety-six—a decrease. The sum of \$68.00 (lodge funds) has been paid for relief. Their arrearages are apparently high, amounting to \$160.00. The lodge room is thoroughly equipped and property well insured. The lodge is strong financially. Northern Light has an energetic administration in W. Bro. MacIntyre and his assistants, particularly in the exemplary Secretary, Bro. R. D. Hall. On the occasion of the visit to this lodge one of the distinctive features was the delivery of the J. W.'s lecture by Bro. Scott. The Kincardine brethren are ever ready to lend a helping hand, and of those who thus devote time and talent none are more ready than R. W. Bros. Martyn and Collins.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT—NORTH HURON DISTRICT.

	Membership.				Affiliations.		Resignations.		Suspensions, N. P. D.		Meetings Held.		No. 12 Months in Arrears.		Total Arrearages.		Paid for Relief.		Insurance.	
1894.....	806	16	25	7	227	130	\$816	50	\$231	82	\$4890	00								
1895.....	804	10	20	29	247	139	838	50	164	00	7650	00								
Increase 1895 .....	.....	.....	.....	22	20	9	22	00	.....	.....	2760	00			
Decrease 1895.....	2	6	5	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	82	.....	.....						

Hanover Lodge, 432, included in 1895.

For the many courtesies and kindnesses and for the valued assistance rendered the representative of Grand Lodge the brethren of North Huron District will be pleased to accept warmest thanks.

To the R. W. brethren (now residing in the district) is due a special expression of appreciation and gratitude for their

kindly advice and support, while to the Worshipful Masters and officers of the various lodges an indebtedness exists for their uniform attention and thoughtful regard towards one who has endeavored to do his duty.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

THOS. WILSON, D. D. G. M.,
North Huron District, No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table showing the work done in North Huron District, No. 5, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem- bership		Degre's conf'd			Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Cap. W. M. Work all degrees	Insurance.
				Membership	Decrease	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.												Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
93	Nthn Light	Kincardine.....	96	4	16	3	3	3	1	1	2	14	...	...	14	4	18	28	\$68 00	7	\$160 00	June 24, '95.	\$4455 74	Good.	Yes	\$2400 00			
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton...	40	3	...	3	3	3	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	11	3	14	12	46 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Yes	1000 00	
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	37	1	...	3	3	3	...	1	1	12	1	13	10	10 00	12	70 75	Dec. 27, '94.	32 00	Fair.	Yes	200 00				
181	Old Light...	Lacknow.....	41	4	...	3	2	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	113	2	15	14	...	...	12 00	Dec. 29, '94.	Good.	Yes	700 00
197	Saugeen....	Walkerton.....	49	5	4	4	1	1	...	3	3	3	...	...	...	313	2	15	18	...	3	16 75	June 24, '95.	Good.	Yes	400 00		
225	Bernard....	Listowel.....	79	3	7	6	1	1	...	4	5	1	...	...	...	114	4	18	25	20 00	10	55 50	June 24, '95.	Fair.	Yes	750 00		
235	Aldworth...	Paisley.....	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	12	...	21	100 00	June 25, '94.	...	Yes	...
276	Toeswater..	Toeswater.....	27	1	...	4	4	3	1	1	6	2	8	9	17	60 00	May 8, '95.	18 00	Good.	Yes	200 00				
284	St. John's..	Brussels.....	59	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	20	...	17	48 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Yes	300 00
286	Wingham...	Wingham.....	45	1	...	2	2	2	2	111	11	15	14	90 00	Dec. 27, '94.	100 00	Uncertain	Yes	...				
331	Fordwich...	Fordwich.....	29	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	12	...	...	18	81 00	June 21, '94.	Fair.	Yes	200 00
341	Bruce.....	Tiverton.....	59	1	...	1	1	2	...	1	4	1	...	...	...	15	1	16	12	...	17	75 00	June 26, '95.	Fair.	Yes	500 00		
362	Maple Leaf	Tara.....	41	3	7	3	5	1	2	...	5	2	...	...	...	15	2	17	13	5 00	3	39 00	June 26, '94	Good.	Yes	350 00		
393	Forest.....	Chesley.....	31	4	1	2	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	10	15	...	5	20 00	June 24, '95.	Good.	Yes	300 00
396	Cedar.....	Warton.....	53	3	1	3	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	16	...	15 00	5	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Yes	None.
429	Port Elgin..	Port Elgin.....	33	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	14	1	14	12	...	2	8 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Fair.	Yes	150 00
431	Moravian...	Eden Grove....	20	2	...	2	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	114	2	16	10	...	2	...	Dec. 27, '94.	very good	Yes	None.
432	Hanover....	Hanover.....	15	3	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good.	Yes	None.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the sixth Masonic district.

Having been honored by being elected to the important office of District Deputy Grand Master of Wilson District, I desire to thank my brethren for the kind recognition bestowed upon me and for the courteous and hospitable manner they have received me on every occasion during the year. To better enable me to discharge the important duties of my office, I appointed W. Bro. F. H. Johnston, M.D., of Burford Lodge, No. 106, as District Secretary, and, as an act of justice, I desire to place on record my hearty acknowledgement of the prompt and thorough manner in which on every occasion he has cheerfully rendered me valuable assistance. I have visited each of the twenty-one lodges in the district once, and three twice, and in every case I have endeavored to fill the responsible position to the best of my ability, with justice to all and favor to none. Feeling that accuracy in the work of our beautiful ritual is most essential, I determined that my efforts should be especially in that direction, and in my visits endeavored to correct the errors as they appeared. This I found was most acceptable to the brethren, and am led to believe that my efforts in that direction will be conducive of some good. In many cases deviations in the secret work required correction and in no case where it came to my notice did I allow it to pass uncorrected, and I have, I may say in each and every case, received encouragement for so doing. I did not stoop to the art of praise for the sake of pleasing, but complimenting where merit demanded.

I am happy to report the condition of Masonry in the Wilson District upon the whole excellent. The lodges are ruled by capable Masters, who are supported by well and truly tried Past Masters and faithful subordinates.

The attendance at meetings in most cases has been exceptionally good and the zeal and enthusiasm in the cause of Masonry paramount. The exchange of visits between the lodges have been frequent, blending the main objects of the

meetings with a mutual interchange of fraternal feelings and social intercourse.

RELIEF.

The lodges of the district have devoted large sums to many worthy recipients and much good has been effected by the liberality of the brethren.

EXPENSES.

Expenses of D. D. G. M. have been liberally bestowed voluntarily and willingly.

DEATHS.

I have been advised of the deaths of the following named brethren: R. W. Bro. Wm. McKay, Oxford Lodge No. 76, Woodstock, P.D.D.G.M., Wilson District, who died in Detroit, Mich., Feb. 27th, 1895; Bro. John W. Workman, Oxford Lodge, Woodstock; Bro. C. J. Crooks, Oxford Lodge, Woodstock; Bro. F. Raymond, Oriental Lodge, Pt. Burwell; Bro. L. B. D. Lapierre, St. John Lodge, Paris; Bro. James P. Collins, Blenheim Lodge, Princeton; W. Bro. Alex. Petrie, W. M. of Erie Lodge, 149, Port Dover; Bro. W. Killmaster, Walsingham Lodge, Pt. Rowan; Bro. H. S. Losee, St. John's Lodge, Norwich; Bro. L. Cook, Frederick Lodge, Delhi; Bro. Ed. Matthews, Wilson Lodge, Waterford; Bro. Jos. Saunders, Wilson Lodge, Waterford; Bro. Thos. Riesberry, Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued dispensations to the following lodges to attend divine service:

Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip, on 26th May, 1895.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, on 23rd June, 1895.

VISITATIONS.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan: I visited this lodge November 8th on their regular meeting when a fair representation of the brethren was present. There being no degree work the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. W. Bro. Pearsol is a fine worker, but I must say that the Wardens require to devote more time and attention to their work. We discussed various matters pertaining to Craft work and I pointed out some errors, urging the W. M. to get his officers together a number of times in the near future for practice. This was well received and agreed upon. Bro. P. M. Col. Ryan as Secretary is an able support to the W. M. and has his books in good order with but few arrears of dues. Financial standing good. The brethren own a spacious building and

with some contemplated improvements will make very cosy quarters. Perfect harmony exists among the brethren. Refreshments were served at the close of the lodge, they having a room well equipped for that purpose. A pleasant evening was spent.

Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, Vittoria : I visited this lodge the following night, it being their regular, and was highly pleased to meet my old friend R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy, P.D.D.G.M., who is ever active in the well being of Vittoria Lodge. W. Bro. Wamsley in the chair, who is a very careful and painstaking officer. The second degree was conferred upon a candidate in a very creditable manner, with the exception of some of the floor work, which was a little faulty. I corrected this, and the spirit in which my remarks were received proved that Masonry in Vittoria Lodge is well up to the mark. Although the night was stormy there was a good attendance, with six Past Masters, among them were those tinged with the sere and yellow leaf of old age, but brimful of enthusiasm. Bro. McCall is a very efficient Secretary and reports arrears nil. They own their rooms. Financial standing good. They are equiped for regular refreshments upon the premises, which were served in good style and fully enjoyed.

Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip : Visited this lodge Dec. 6th, regular meeting, when nineteen of the brethren greeted me. The first degree was conferred upon a candidate by W. Bro. Hopkins, it being well done. The J. W. absent, S. W. a fair worker. The deacons were in need of instructions as to floor work. It being the meeting for election of officers considerable time was taken up for choice of wardens. W. Bro. Hopkins appears to take great interest in the working of his lodge. I was forced to express my regrets that some of the older members took too many liberties during the hours of labor. This lodge owns its rooms, which are very comfortable. W. Bro. Frazer and a number of the Woodstock brethren were in attendance. At the close of the lodge meeting refreshments were served in the dining hall of the village hotel. I see no reason why Masonry should not prosper in Oak Branch Lodge. It is financially right and books kept well.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville : I visited this lodge December 7th, and installed the officers. At my request the lodge was opened in the three degrees by the retiring officers and closed by the newly installed. W. Bro. Dr. Brown proved himself one who discharged his duties with ease, possessing good executive ability. The Wardens are fairly well up in

their work, although I noticed some variations in the floor, and other work, to which I called attention, upon which various and divers opinions have arisen—claiming it to be the one and only work. I gave my ruling, which was well received. The brethren seemed anxious to gain information on various matters pertaining to the work. W. Bro. P. M. Veitch is a model Secretary, having very little back dues on his books. Finances are good. The lodge room is small, and, is not in keeping with the spirit of Masonry existing among the Plattsville brethren. They contemplate building a new hall. At the close of the lodge an adjournment was made to Bro. Ernst Hotel National, where a sumptuous banquet was served for which the Plattsville brethren have a well deserved reputation. Enthusiasm is unbounded, and I will long remember with pleasure my visit to No. 178.

Scotland, No. 193, Scotland: Visited this lodge officially December 3rd for the purpose of installing the officers. I was accompanied by the district secretary, as also a number of brethren from Burford, W. Bro. Merrit in the chair. In this, as in other lodges where I install, I directed the older officers to open in the several degrees and the newly installed to close, which was done with credit to No. 193. W. Bro. Merritt and his predecessors are to be complimented for the rapid progress made in this lodge. It has been my pleasure to frequently visit No. 193 for a number of years and I am happy to report that it is now one of the most prosperous lodges in the district. It has increased its membership to fifty and the utmost harmony prevails, with a desire to be perfect in the work, and under the skillful management of W. Bro. Dr. Glassford its continued prosperity is assured, R. W. Bro. Hay, P. G. Chaplain, is a regular attendant and much is due him for the advancement of this lodge. A pleasing feature of the evening was to see present W. Bro. Col. Thompson, a Mason of some sixty years standing and ninety-four years of age, hand in an application for membership. This lodge has very little outstanding dues and its past masters are regular attendants. A number of visiting brethren from Waterford and Burford were present. At the close of the lodge an adjournment was made to Bro. Young's Hotel, where a grand banquet was served. Speech and song were indulged in and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. Peace and prosperity are bound to reign in Scotland, No. 193.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton: Visited this lodge December 7th. W. Bro. J. Smiley in the chair. I had the pleasure of installing the officers last June and was very much

pleased to note on my official visit the accurate way in which all the officers performed their several duties. A candidate was passed to the second degree in such a manner that would leave an impression upon all lovers of perfect work. Bro. Ramsey has his books neatly and well kept, with dues well collected. Financial standing good. Much credit is due R. W. Bro. D. H. Hunter, P.D D.G.M., for the energy displayed in resuscitating and moving this lodge to Princeton, where there are ambitious craftsmen to carry on the work with much credit to the district. Numerous visitors from Plattsville, Innerkip and Burford added much to the pleasure of the evening. Refreshments were served at Bro. Stroud's. Blenheim, No. 108, is sure to prosper.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 43, Ingersoll, and St. John's Lodge, No. 68: The above named lodges, having arranged a joint meeting for the purpose of installation, honored me with an invitation to perform the ceremony, which I accepted and was very cordially received by the W. Bro. J. Vance, of King Hiram, and W. Bro. J. H. Hegler, of St. John's. On entering the beautiful and spacious lodge room I found it well filled with twelve Past Masters on the dais. The first degree was exemplified, the officers of each lodge taking part, which was done in a satisfactory manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees, each taking part, proving to me the general proficiency of the officers of both lodges. The organist of each lodge added materially to the beauty of the work by their skilful manipulation. The books are well and neatly kept, but with two much back dues for comfort, otherwise financially healthy. Perfect harmony appears to exist between the lodges. A pleasant feature of the evening was a presentation of a P. Master's Jewel to each of the retiring masters, which elicited happy and feeling replies from the recipients. At the close of the lodge an adjournment was made to Gibson's Parlors, where an elegant banquet was given, which was fully enjoyed by all. R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler in his usual happy mood contributed much to the pleasure of the evening. Masonry is bound to prosper in Ingersoll.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe: Visited this lodge officially on January 15th and installed the officers. It being the occasion of an official visit of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, an array of Grand Lodge officers was present in the persons of M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C., Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M. P., Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Hodgins, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Bro. Dr. Secord, P. G. S. W.; R. W. Bro. James Sutherland, P. G. S. W.; R. W.

Bro. G. Ingles, P. G. S. W.; R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto District; R. W. Bro. D. H. Hunter, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. E. G. Wells, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. C. B. Boyd, P. G. R.; R. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy, P. D. D. G. M.; V. W. Bro. W. A. Karn, G. Organist; V. W. Bro. R. R. Fulton, P. G. S., with many other distinguished brethren. The large, beautifully furnished lodge room was filled with two hundred craftsmen, nearly all the lodges in the district being represented. W. Bro. Reid in the chair received the different Grand Lodge officers with timely remarks, which made all feel that it was a pleasure to be with the brethren of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the M. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, myself and others complimented the lodge upon their standing and the zeal displayed among the brethren. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presentation to W. Bro. Reid of a P. M. jewel, showing the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10. The lodge was closed at six p. m., the brethren being invited to an "At Home" in the lodge room at eight p. m. for the purpose of social intercourse. Having spent an hour in strengthening the bond of friendship, all were invited to the opera house, where an elaborate banquet was given and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was truly a red letter day for the Simcoe brethren, nothing was left undone to make their guests feel that their presence was heartily enjoyed. R. W. Bro. D. H. Hunter, acting as district secretary, reported the secretary's books in excellent condition as regards neatness, financial standing, etc., some few names were found in arrears of dues. I again visited this lodge April 9th, and was greeted by a large representation of the brethren. W. Bro. T. R. Atkinson (mayor) in the chair. After the usual routine work a candidate was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a very efficient and impressive manner. The J. W. was unavoidable absent but his chair was ably filled by W. Bro. Frank Reid, who gave the lecture in a manner creditable to himself as also to the lodge. W. Bro. Atkinson, takes great pride in the working of his lodge and may be justly termed a methodical instructor, with good executive ability. The members one and all seem to have a strong desire for general proficiency. Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, ranks as one of the first lodges in the district and I will ever remember the courtesy of the Simcoe brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich: January 16th I visited this lodge. I was met at the train by the W. M. and Secretary.

W. Bro. Irwin, in the chair, is one who is in line with his predecessors, keeping his lodge to its present high standing. This lodge is numerically strong, well officered, with a goodly array of Past Masters. A candidate was initiated in the first degree, in a faultless manner. The J. W. is deserving of praise in the delivery of the lecture. The Secretary's books are well kept, with but few in arrears of dues. Financial standing good, and the greatest harmony prevails among the brethren. A social hour was spent at Bro. Cocker's Hotel at the close of the lodge. A large number of visiting brethren were present. R. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy, P. D. D. G. M., put forth every effort to make my visit enjoyable.

King Solomon, No. 43 and Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock : I officially visited a joint meeting of the above lodges on January 29th. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Dr. Secord, P. G. S. W., and R. W. Bro. Cox, P. D. D. G. M. Upon entering the lodge I was received with the greatest enthusiasm by two hundred zealous craftsmen of the town of Woodstock and neighboring lodges. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the first degree, divided between W. Bro. Bartlett and officers of King Solomon and W. Bro. Douglass and officers of Oxford Lodges, the work throughout being done in a manner to challenge criticism, being accurate and impressive. The W. Masters of these lodges are able administrators, working with great care and judgment, commanding the respect and confidence of their brethren, while each gave proof of his ability to do justice to ritualistic work. The secretaries are well up as to their duties. Financial standing good but arrears of dues should be lessened. The banquet at the close of the lodge was all that could be desired. The meridian sun of Freemasonry shines resplendant among the brethren of Woodstock.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford : Visited this lodge officially, February 6th, being greeted with a good number of the brethren. There being no work on hand, I requested the W. M. to open and close in the several degrees, which was done fairly well, with the exception of some faulty work in the third degree. Secretary's books very well kept. The financial standing good. The rooms are the finest in the district. This lodge has not progressed as it should, for the past year doing no work ; things have, however, taken a change for the better. I look for much brighter prospects in Wilson Lodge, No. 113. At the close of the lodge refreshments were served at Bro. Teeter's Hotel. Since my visit I learn by the statement, as also from brethren, that two candidates have been initiated.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: Visited this lodge officially, March 4th, making my way through the wildest snow-storm of the season. I called upon the Secretary, who was greatly surprised to see me, as the roads by this time were almost impassible. He immediately telephoned the W. M., five miles distant, that the D. D. G. M. had arrived, and to my amazement some twenty-eight of the brethren greeted me. The work of the evening was conferring the third degree, which was well done by the W. M. Bro. Jeffries, assisted by W. Bro. P. M. Chrysler. The work of the Wardens was somewhat faulty, which I corrected. This lodge has very comfortable rooms. Financial standing fair, with a good Secretary in the person of W. Bro. Chrysler. Very little arrears of dues. At the close of the lodge refreshments were served, and a social hour spent. Frederick Lodge, No. 217, is bound to prosper.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford: Officially visited this my mother lodge on March 6th. There was a large attendance of members, as also a representative gathering from sister lodges, Woodstock, Brantford, Paris, Scotland and Princeton. I installed the present officers in January and am fully justified in saying that W. Bro. Parkhill and officers are able to confer the degrees in a very creditable manner, keeping up the former reputation of this lodge. No candidate for initiation being presented the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a praiseworthy manner, calling forth compliments from R. W. Bro. Dr. Heath, P. D. D. G. M. Hamilton District. Financial standing is healthy; owners of building; insured for twenty-five hundred dollars; secretary's books well and neatly kept, with some back dues to collect. At the close of the lodge an adjournment was made to the Barnea Hall, where a banquet was given. One hundred and twenty of the craftsmen were made to feel that it is well to join together in unity. The reception accorded me by my mother lodge was very encouraging.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris: On April 2nd I visited this lodge, accompanied by the district secretary and a contingent from Burford Lodge. On arriving I found that Woodstock, London, Princeton and other places had sent brethren to join St. John's Lodge in doing honor to the representative of the Grand Master. The reception was indeed very flattering. A candidate was presented for initiation, the ceremony being performed with credit, being simply perfect. I wish here to especially mention the exquisite manner in which the J. W. gave the lecture. It called forth complimentary remarks not only from myself but from R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson, P. D.

D. G. M., London District. Bro. Munson is an old school-mate, who honored me with his presence. W. Bro. Thomson is an efficient officer, looking well after the interests of this lodge. The Secretary's books neatly and well kept, in fact everything indicates prosperity. I have visited this lodge three times in the past year and in each case I noticed a number of veteran P. M.'s faithful in their attendance. This lodge has its charity and sick committees contributing liberally to the needy. An elegant banquet closed a delightfully spent evening.

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover : In company with the R. W. Bro. E. G. Wells, P. D. G. M., W. Bro. Atkinson and Bro. Sutton, of Simcoe, I visited this lodge on April 8th and was greeted with a good attendance of the local brethren. This lodge mourns the death of its W. M., who died soon after his election. The work of the evening was installing the newly elect W. M. to fill the vacant chair. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, W. Bro. P. M. Fawcett presiding, surrounded by a number of able Past Masters. The work was fairly well done. W. Bro. P. M. Varey as Secretary has his books neatly and well kept with some few in arrears. The brethren have very comfortable rooms, and the zeal of the brethren unbounded. Financial standing excellent. The brethren, both young and old, appear to take a great interest in their lodge work, being energetic, also in their hospitality to visiting brethren. I believe before them lies a bright future, and I wish them Godspeed in their earnest endeavor to advance the cause of Masonry in their midst.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg : I visited this lodge May 8th accompanied by W. Bros. Fraser and Bartlett, of King Solomon Lodge, Woodstock. There were four candidates for initiation. W. Bro. Hogan was very thoughtful in conferring the degree upon two of them before I arrived, and as the night was excessively warm I was quite content to witness the initiation of two. The work was done in a very satisfactory manner. I was pleased in complimenting the lodge upon its good standing, having within the year sixteen initiations, and from recent reports I find prosperity is still attending them. W. Bro. Fraser acted as District Secretary. The Secretary's books in splendid condition, with some few in arrears in dues. Having spoken to the lodge upon general topics in the interest of Masonry for a time, an adjournment was made to the Hutchinson House, where a banquet was given, flattering to the many visitors. Prosperity is bound to reign in this harmonious lodge. Financially bright and everything in good

shape. R. W. Bro. McDonald, P. D. D. G. M., was active in making my visit pleasant.

Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell: On the evening of May 9th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. McDonald, Bro. Dr. Larimour, and Bro. Bottomley, of Tilsonburg, I drove sixteen miles for the purpose of visiting this lodge. The W. M. kindly called an emergent meeting for my convenience. There was a small attendance, and in looking over the register found the attendance small throughout the year—an average of eight or nine. There was no work, but the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. I found a great need of improvement. I was painstaking in setting them aright, and my instructions were gratefully received at the time, as well as after, when the secretary, in a kindly letter, thanked me for my words of advice. This lodge own the room, which is comfortably furnished. Secretary's books in good condition, but with little in arrears. Financial standing fair, with but little chance of increase, as the lake is to the south of them, and Vienna Lodge three miles distant.

Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna: In company with ten of the good brethren of Tilsonburg I visited this lodge, driving thirteen miles. The brethren cordially greeted us. This is not a strong lodge. The brethren, however, appear to be zealous. They have had no work for some time. I witnessed the lodge opened and closed in the several degrees. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. Clutton, P. M. Malahide Lodge, Aylmer, in the absence of the W. M., who was unavoidably detained until late in the evening, arriving in time, however, to open and close his lodge in the several degrees for my inspection. The floor work of the Wardens and Deacons is in need of improvement. The W. M. informed me that he has not been able to attend his lodge duties regularly and has not attended lodge more than twice during the year. W. Bro. Teall has held the office for the last eighteen years. Bro. Thornton, the Secretary, has his books in fairly good shape, with a good cash balance on hand. The Vienna brethren are hospitable and we were well entertained at the close of the lodge. As this lodge is in close proximity to Oriental Lodge, No. 181, and both with a small average attendance, with no increase, I think a union would be beneficial.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro: Visited this lodge on June 6th, in company with thirty-seven of the loyal Masons of Woodstock, who paid me a delicate compliment by turning out in so large a number in a drive of twelve miles to make my last official visit in the District. We were received most

cordially by the Embro brethren, who are loaded with enthusiasm. A good attendance of the local brethren greeted me. W. Bro. Bain in the chair, who appeared somewhat nervous, but I saw enough to convince me that he has his work fairly well in hand. I found the work of the Wardens and Deacons somewhat faulty, but with an earnest desire to become proficient. The work of the evening comprised the opening and closing in the several degrees. The Secretary is a very painstaking officer, as proven by the neat manner in which his books were kept. Financial standing good. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, with neatly furnished rooms. A fine banquet closed an enjoyable evening, long to be remembered by all present.

Now that my labors as D. D. G. M. are ended, I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me by the entire fraternity with whom I have come in contact, and also to those who have so kindly accompanied me in my various visitations.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. F. MILES, D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District, No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degree's conf'r'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Cand W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
						E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	75	5	6	7	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	1 10	2 12	25	80	10	75	00 June 24, '95.	Good.	Excell'nt	Yes	\$600 00
37	KingHiram	Ingersoll.....	70	..	3	3	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	1 14	1 15	11	80	37	214	50 Dec. 27, '91.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
43	King Sol.....	Woodstock.....	90	..	1	4	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	1 14	8 22	23	80	13	120	00 Dec. 27, '94.	VeryFair	Good.	Yes	1125 00
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	60	2	12	6	4	4	10	..	..	..	..	13	1 14	17	139	16	139	00 Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Fully Ins.
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	100	5	17	4	5	5	14	..	..	..	..	3 14	6 20	20	68	31	189	00 Jan. '95.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1125 00
78	KingHiram	Tilsonburg.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	52	5	4	3	2	2	1	2	..	..	..	2 13	2 15	19	20	11	85	00 Dec. '91.	Excell'nt	Good.	Yes	500 00
101	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	88	5	8	3	3	3	7	..	..	..	..	1 11	3 14	22	55	20	75	00 Dec. 27, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	70	2	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	13	13	25	20	30	125	00 June 24, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	2500 00
113	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	26	..	2	3	4	4	2	..	..	..	..	1 12	1 13	14	..	5	35	50 Jan. '95.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	100 00
108	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	64	2	10	2	2	2	1	5	..	..	..	2 12	1 13	16	126	6	78	00 ..	Good.	Good.	Yes	650 00
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1 11	1 12	16	5	7	40	00 Dec. '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	250 00
181	Oriental.....	Pt. Burwell.....	33	1	3	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1 13	2 15	10	40	11	40	00 Dec. '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00
149	Erie.....	Pt. Dover.....	52	1	2	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1 12	4 16	20	..	18	..	Dec. '94.	Good.	Good.	No	300 00
174	Walsingham.....	Pt. Rowan.....	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	2 13	1 14	15	20	22	66	00 Dec. '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1200 00
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	52	2	..	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	12	12	30	25	00	56	75 June '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
217	Frederick.....	Dellhi.....	41	1	..	3	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	1 13	1 14	15	..	3	5	00 Dec. '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	37	1	2	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	14	1 15	10	20	50	162	00 Dec. '94.	Excell'nt	Good.	Yes	..
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	11	2 16	12	40	20	125	00 Dec. '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00
261	OakBranch	Inverkip.....	26	4	..	5	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	11	2 13	15	..	6	21	25 ..	..	Good.	Yes	..
339	Victoria.....	Victoria.....	36	3	..	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	11	11	18	..	2	27	00 July, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	350 00

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

I have the honor herewith to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District :

I regret that owing in a large measure to professional duties, as well as the very inclement weather during a large part of the winter I was unable to do more for the district which so unanimously conferred on me the honor I have enjoyed during the past year.

Still, I feel from the kindness and courtsey extended to me throughout the district by the brethren, that my brief efforts to perform the important duties of D. D. G. M. have been appreciated.

Where I have met with such uniform kindness it seems impossible to individualize; yet I feel I must thankfully bear witness to the generous aid and sympathy dealt to me by my predecessors the P. D. D. G. Masters of Wellington District.

These R. W. brethren have never hesitated at any inconvenience to themselves to give me help or pleasure, and have (I think without a single exception) always been on hand in their respective lodge-rooms on my visit to help and encourage me, and sustain the dignity of the Grand Lodge.

I have also gratefully to remember the many kindnesses and favors of the W. Masters of the Guelph, Galt, Berlin and Hariston lodges, and assure them the memory of the same will long continue.

Following the example of my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Pettiford, to whom I am in a special manner indebted for help and "pointers," I laid out to visit every lodge in my district as required by the constitution, and this I am glad to say I was able to do. I also endeavored to visit on a regular meeting, and this with two exceptions I was able to do.

I was prevented by the hard winter from holding a lodge of instruction as I had intended.

The report of my visits is as follows :

My first official visit was to St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest. There was no work; the W. M., Bro. Glanville, opened in the several degrees, and some profitable time

was spent in discussing the floor work. I was pleased to find the brethren in such comfortable quarters, and so well pleased with their prospects, while their kindness to strangers was well exemplified. The W. M., with other brethren, on my visit to Durham Lodge, accompanied me there through an 18 mile drive of the coldest night of the winter. I am pleased to say that through the kindness of the Durham brethren no untoward event happened from this outing.

On Dec. 12th I visited Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin, when R. W. Bro. Conboy, with the W. M., Bro. Graham, gave me a hearty reception. The W. M. knows his work well, and is ably supported by his officers. The lodge-room is comfortably furnished. I again visited this lodge for the purpose of installing the officers on July 10th, 1895. Accompanied by the W. M. and several brethren of Scott Lodge, we spent a very pleasant evening.

On Dec. 18th, 1894, I was enabled to make my first visit to the Royal City Speed Lodge, No. 180. Here we had a royal meeting, the spacious hall being well filled with brethren of all the city lodges, and the dais well covered with distinguished and worshipful brethren, so that I could not wonder the W. M. was rather nervous. The third degree was exemplified on two candidates by the W. M., Bro. Ainsworth, and I need scarcely say I was satisfied with the work, while the after-meeting was most agreeable.

On Dec. 21st, 1894, I visited Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, and was heartily greeted by R. W. Bro. Smith. The brethren have very comfortable quarters, and though being just before Christmas, it was not a good time for my visit. They were most kind and hospitable in every sense of the word. In the absence of the W. M. the duties were conducted by P. M. Bro. Burns.

On Dec. 26th, 1894, I visited Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt, and found them with W. Bro. Oliver in the chair, just moved into their commodious and roomy new quarters. R. W. Bro. Taylor, with many others of Galt Lodge, No. 258, were present and assisted to spend a most pleasant evening. W. Bro. Oliver, though comparatively a young man, is, without exception, one of the best posted Masons in the district, and by his suavity and easy manners has made himself popular. He has filled his position for two years and I am indebted to him for many acts of kindness during the past year. In company with R. W. Bro. Taylor, of Galt Lodge, and W. Bro. Turnbull, they assisted me at Preston Lodge, No. 297, on my visit there.

Had the pleasure of visiting Galt Lodge officially on April 26th, 1895. W. Bro. Greenhill presides here and had intended to exemplify the first degree. This was prevented, however, by the meeting of Grand Lodge there that night, presided over by M. W. W. R. White, Q. C., the Grand Master, assisted by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, D. G. M., the Grand Secretary, and other distinguished officers of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall. This was attended to in due and ancient form, and the brethren of Galt most warmly congratulated by the visitors upon their accession to such commodious and convenient quarters. I trust they may long enjoy them and that other lodges in the district may in the near future be able to emulate them.

On Dec. 27, 1894, I visited Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston, W. Bro. Campbell in the East. He is a worthy brother and deserves better support from the numerous and well posted P. M.'s there. Knowing the town so well as I do, having made it my first home in Canada, I feel warmly towards it, and shall always rejoice in the prosperity of the lodge. There was no work ready, the W. M. exemplified his ability, and although not many were present a very pleasant evening was spent. W. Bro. Campbell also accompanied me on my visit to Clifford Lodge, No. 315, and both he and W. Bro. D. P. Clapp were present at my visit to Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston.

On Feb. 5, 1895 I visited Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham. I have alluded to the kindness of the Mount Forest brethren on this occasion. The Durham brethren have, I am glad to say, taken the kindly advice of my predecessor and now meet in a very neatly furnished hall by themselves, while adjoining it they have a good sized refreshment room that was well tested that night. We got a very cold return drive to Mount Forest but were all none the worse.

On March 6th, 1895, I visited my nearest lodge, Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville. It seems repeating to express the debt I owe different brethren, but I must notice the earnest and enthusiastic Masons of this lodge. W. Bro. Hulse presides in the East, and is ably supported by a noble staff of P. Ms, all of whom are always on hand to assist or uphold and advance the honor of the Craft. Here also is that veteran P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. J. McLaren, formerly of St. Albans Lodge, No. 200, and his late successor, R. W. Bro. J. C. Fox. Harris Lodge, financially and otherwise, has been steadily forging ahead for some years past, and now (after launching out and supporting Scott Lodge, Grand Valley, till able to fight for herself.) she stands at the head of the Wellington

District in numbers, and, what is more praiseworthy, is able to report no members in arrears and no arrearages. It is only fair to say that much of its prosperity in this direction is due to Bro. G. Irwin, the careful and efficient Secretary. Need I say my visit was enjoyable.

On April 22nd, 1895, accompanied by W. Bro. Cooper, of Scott Lodge, I visited Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph City. W. Bro. Jas. Naismith, an enthusiastic and genial brother, presided. R. W. Bro. Pettiford is a member of this lodge. The third degree was exemplified in an especial manner by a most efficient choir under Bro. Fenwick taking parts of the ceremony, making that beautiful ritual more impressive than ever. This is the "baby lodge" of Guelph, but a glance at the reports will show it is fast losing its designation and will soon rank with the giants. I think the future prosperity of all the Guelph lodges is assured by the hearty support each lodge gives the others, so that while a spirit of rivalry to some extent exists, it is on the lines that the spirit of Masonry and the constitution shall be the ruling of their lives and actions. Surely, Waverley, your lot has been put in pleasant places, and I trust it may be long ere your harmony and peace is disturbed.

On Feb. 18th, 1895, I visited Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford. It being a very stormy night not many members were present. No work was done, but W. Bro. Dewar, who has been a good worker here, opened and closed in the several degrees.

On Feb. 27th, 1895, I visited my own lodge, Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley. The brethren showed their recognition of the honors due Grand Lodge by according me all the distinction they could muster as the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master. Assisted by W. Bros. Cooper and Scott we installed the officers, W. Bro. J. D. Watson being installed W. M. With the staff of officers this infant lodge of the district possess they should do good work. A very pleasing ceremony which took place in the refreshment room afterwards was the presenting a P. M. jewel to W. Bro. Moss, the J. P. M.

On May 3rd, 1895, I visited Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus. There was no work, but the W. M. Bro. Bayne, opened and closed the several degrees, and we spent a pleasant and profitable hour in discussing matters of Ritual and Masonry generally.

On May 7th, 1895, I visited Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr. In the absence of W. Bro. McKay the lodge was opened in the second degree by P. M. Bro. Cassie, an old pupil of mine. I find

him now an enthusiastic Mason. This lodge has had a heavy loss in the closing of the Ayr foundry, but I found the brethren optimistic and spent a pleasant evening with them.

On May 14th, 1895, in company with W. Bro. Watson, I drove to Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton. I suppose we must have struck a bad night, for although I had given ample notice of my intentions, we had to wait till late before we got a quorum through the efforts of P. M. W. Bro. Flatt. W. Bro. J. Riley presided in the East and showed a thorough knowledge of his work. The fates dealt hard with me and this lodge, for this was a cold dark dreary night and we had a 23 mile drive. In the winter, Jan. 22nd, 1895, I started (with W. Bro. Watson) to visit this lodge and install officers. The storm was so severe, however, and the roads choked up so fast that I was compelled when more than half way there to retrace my way. I am indebted to R. W. Bro. Scoon, of Guelph, for his kindness on that occasion.

On May 16th, 1895, I visited the Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin. R. W. Bro. Forsyth met me and escorted me to the lodge. The lodge was opened to the third degree by the W. M., Bro. Oelschlager, when a contingent from Stratford took the work in hand and exemplified the third degree in a most impressive manner, the floor work being especially praiseworthy. After the closing a most enjoyable time was spent in the refreshment room, and one of the brightest spots in my official year is the kindness of the Berlin brethren.

On May 21st, 1895, I visited Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur, in company with W. Bro. Cooper I had previously visited this lodge in February to attend the funeral of P. M. Bro. Henderson, M. D., a brother whom to know was to respect and whose heart beat warm for Masonry. A large number of brethren from Drayton, Fergus, Mount Forest and Grand Valley were present and the impressive service well rendered by the Secretary, W. Bro. Phillips. On my official visit in May I found a number of brethren present from Drayton and Mount Forest, and I had the pleasure of healing a member of a clandestine lodge. The first and third degree was also given, the W. M. Bro. Neil showing himself an expert and well proved Mason. From him as well as the members of the lodge I received every kindness and attention.

On May 28th, 1895, I made my last official visit to Guelph City to visit Guelph Lodge, No. 258. W. Bro. J. J. Mahoney presided, and well exemplified the work of the first degree. R. W. Bros. H. Murray, C. Pettiford and R. Mahoney were present, and a most instructive and pleasant evening was

spent, many of the Past Masters and members of the other city lodges being present. An unique circumstance of the evening was the number of R. W. Bro. Mahoney's family present. If they all grow as enthusiastic as their father (and judging from the W. M. of Guelph Lodge such promises to be the case) they will be capable of much good.

On June 5th, 1895, I drove to Guelph again where I was invited by the P. M.'s of the several Guelph lodges and R. W. Bro. Pettiford to accompany them in a drive to New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler. I availed myself of their kindness, and after a pleasant drive we found that R. W. Bro. Mahoney had preceded us, and with R. W. Bro. Jardine, of the New Hope Lodge, awaited us. A goodly company are the Masons of Hespeler, and the Craft will suffer nothing at their hands. W. Bro. J. Jardine did his work clearly and well, though perhaps a little nervous, but the strong support he gets from the efficient Secretary and other officers keep him in excellent spirits. I take this opportunity of thanking the W. Masters of the Guelph lodges for their kind and hearty support to me all through the course of my official year.

On June 7th, 1895, I visited Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston. The P. M., Bro. C. H. Belt, presided. A beautiful little lodge room, bearing a strong impress of the late M. W. Bro. O. J. Klotz. No work was ready, but as R. W. Bro. Taylor, of Galt Lodge, and W. Bros. Oliver and Turnbull, of Alma, were present, as well as R. W. Bro. Hepburn, of Preston, a very profitable time was spent.

On June 14th, 1895, I wound up my list of official visits by one to Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston. The W. M., Bro. H. Hyndman, (a worthy descendant of that veteran Mason, R. W. Bro. H. Hyndman) presided. A number of visitors from Listowel and Harriston were present, so we formed ourselves into a small Lodge of Instruction for the third degree. Much useful information was drawn out by the discussions, but the main thing made evident was that in the different districts the brethren are by no means agreed as to floor work, and it was the unanimous opinion of all that the D. D. G. M.'s should at all events be able to agree as to correct procedure, so that the work could be perfect and unanimous in every particular. Still, all enjoyed a pleasant evening and separated "happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

As will be seen from my tabulated report nearly every lodge shows an increase in members, and the reports are favorable. I would impress on secretaries the importance of making

returns on time as I have had a lot of trouble to get this, and even now it is not complete.

In the matter of expenses of D. D. G. M., the district, I am glad to say, recognizes that each lodge should bear its quatum, and I am glad to say that every lodge (with two exceptions) gave me five dollars for that purpose.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted three to attend divine service, but I think where a dispensation is required from the Grand Master it should come through the D. D. G. M. In one instance where a lodge only applied for a dispensation to install officers, through my continual insistence, the dispensation was applied for and sent without my knowledge, and was ante-dated in order to prevent my being able to report them. I think if the D. D. G. M. is to keep a watch over the work entrusted to him all letters of inquiry to the Grand Secretary should come through him.

DEATHS.

I have only had one death reported me during the year, that of W. Bro. Dr. Henderson, of Arthur, and in looking over the report I find with the exception of two from Drayton, this district has been wonderfully exempt. I certainly think the D. D. G. M. should be apprised of every death, and if possible attend and grant a dispensation.

In conclusion allow me to bespeak for my successor the same liberal encouragement that has been awarded me, and to thank those who so kindly entrusted me with this valuable gift, hoping they will be pleased to overlook whatever there may have been of wrong judgment or imperfect action in the whole course of the year.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. R. HOPKINS, M. D., D. D. G. M.,
Wellington District, No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem-ber-ship		Degree's conf'd		Athletions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.		Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arreages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
				Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. G.						M. M.	Total.	Emergent.									
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	81	10	...	9	3	2	6	2	1	3	13	2	15	23	\$45 00	5	\$ 15 00	Dec. '91.....	Best.	Excellent	Yes	\$ 900 00
151	Gr'nd Riv'r.....	Berlin.....	87	...	1	4	3	6	1	4	1	1	13	1	14	21	20 00	...	7 50	Jan. '95.....	Good.	Good.	Yes	700 00
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	32	2	2	5	6	5	1	5	7	1	12	1	13	11	5 00	18	230 00	June 24, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	1000 00
189	Spec I.....	Guelph.....	109	6	12	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	13	1	14	30	68 25	5	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	Yes.
203	St. Albans.....	Mount Forest.....	45	4	4	4	4	4	1	2	2	1	14	1	15	15	10 00	8	54 00	Jan. 25, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
203	Irvine.....	Flora.....	45	4	5	3	3	2	1	3	2	1	11	1	11	13	5 00	...	56 37	June 24, '95	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	129	5	5	5	6	7	1	1	1	1	13	3	13	33	61 00	30	163 00	Feb. 17, '95.	Good.	Very good	Yes	600 00
257	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	80	6	4	6	5	5	1	3	1	1	2	2	14	18	75 30	24	100 00	June 21, '94	Fair.	Very good	Yes	700 00
258	Galt.....	Galt.....	82	8	5	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	17	20 00	24	100 00	Jan. 21, '94.	Good.	Excellent	Yes	Fully.
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	44	1	3	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	12	1	12	15	20 00	7	75 00	Dec. 27, '94	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	...
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	40	3	3	7	6	5	2	1	1	1	12	3	15	20	3 25	20	96 00	Jan., '95.....	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	56	9	2	7	6	5	2	1	1	1	12	3	15	20	...	38	371 50	June 21, '94	Fair.	Good.	Yes	350 00
295	Conecogo.....	Drayton.....	40	4	2	4	4	5	3	...	1	2	9	2	10	14	25 00	6	62 75	June 29, '95	Fair.	Hopeful.	Yes	Yes.
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	22	3	1	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	9	9	10	10	40 00	6	40 00	Dec. 27, '91.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	400 00
305	Durham.....	Durham.....	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	5	5	15	17	40 00	4	50 00	Jan. 25, '95.	Good.	Hopeful.	Yes	None.
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	53	3	2	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	17	49 00	4	...	Dec. 27, '91.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	300 00
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	8	...	...	...	June, '95.....	Best.	Good.	Yes	None.	
331	Pr. Arthur.....	Arthur.....	10	5	5	3	5	...	1	4	1	1	11	8	19	20	60 00	3	12 00	March, '95.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	450 00
347	Mercer.....	Forbes.....	43	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	15	20 00	20	87 00	Dec., '94.....	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
351	Waverley.....	Guelph.....	101	11	10	8	6	1	1	1	1	1	12	7	19	33	25 00	43	100 00	June, '91.....	Fair.	Good.	Yes	1500 00
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	35	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	11	10	10 00	9	38 50	Jan. 4, '95...	Fair.	Good.	Yes	300 00

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting the following report on the condition of the Craft in the Eighth Masonic District.

At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, held last July in the City of Hamilton, my brethren of the Eighth District did me the high and exceptional honor of unanimously electing me to the proud position of D. D. G. M. The confidence placed in me on that occasion it has been my constant effort to merit. If I have fallen short in the performance of my duty, it has not been through lack of zeal in the cause, but rather that it has been my fortune to succeed a number of exceptionally able brethren whose good work will long be felt in the District.

I have been enabled to visit every lodge in the District at least once, some of them several times. It has been my aim to time my official visits so that they would occur on the regular meeting. For successfully carrying this into effect I am indebted to a fairly good constitution, a little management and an accomodating mood.

DEDICATION.

It was my privilege to attend the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held at the town of Galt, for the purpose of dedicating the beautiful new lodge-room of the lodges in that place.

RELIEF.

On the occasion of each visit I took especial pains to impress upon the members of the different lodges the necessity of carrying out the spirit of true Masonic charity whenever occasion presented, and am pleased to report that in no instance did I find this duty neglected. Some of the lodges are returned as having given nothing for relief. While they as a body had not been called upon, the individual brethren have given freely of their means to lighten the widows' burden or aid their brethren in distress.

GRIEVANCES.

During my term of office there have been no cases of

dispute or quarrel between lodges or brethren brought to my notice, for which I have been truly thankful. While we may be ready to perform, if necessary, an unpleasant task, it is more satisfactory to find the Hamilton District keeping up its reputation for harmony and fraternal feeling.

DEATHS.

During the year, twenty-five brethren have been called from active labor at the sound of the gavel which all must obey. Of this number, more than half were lost to two of our lodges: St. John's losing seven and Barton six. None of this number leaves a greater void in Masonic circles than the late Bro. W. W. Summers, who for over thirty-three years was Tyler of the Hamilton lodges; who, personally, knew every Mason in the city, and was well known by the Craft generally, having been Grand Tyler at the last session of Grand Lodge as well as on several previous occasions. To his own family and friends each brother's loss seems most severe. We mourn with all.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted dispensations to Seymour Lodge, No. 272, to attend divine service as Masons on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 1894; to Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stony Creek and to the several Hamilton lodges for the same purpose on June 23rd, 1895. The fees for which are hereby transmitted.

VISITS.

On Nov. 7th, 1894, I visited Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook. The W. M. was absent. The I. P. M., W. Bro. Dr. Mullock, occupied the chair. The third degree was conferred on two brethren in a most excellent manner. In W. Bro. J. F. Senn the lodge has a model Secretary. I was delighted with the enthusiasm with which the brethren turned out, many of them at much personal inconvenience, having to drive long distances sometimes in very unpleasant weather. The lodge is in good shape and doing good work.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro, was visited on the following night, Nov. 8th. This lodge shows what can be done by a few determined brethren, who love the Craft for what it is, and endeavor to make the most of their opportunities. A few years ago they were disheartened at their prospects and contemplated surrendering their warrant. W. Bro. Simon, W. Bro. Jones and others put their shoulders to the wheel, and now Dufferin is one of the most progressive lodges in the district. The brethren have established a custom of visiting the various lodges in their vicinity in parties of six

or more, thereby doing themselves a great deal of good, besides helping and encouraging the lodges visited. If the brethren of some of the smaller lodges would endeavor to cultivate more of this missionary spirit there would be less complaint of lack of interest among the members. The third degree was worked in a perfect manner. W. Bro. Adams, the W. M., raising his own brother, their father being Tyler of the lodge.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357 : Visited this lodge on November 13th. Found the brethren very much discouraged at the prospects of the lodge. The W. M. having left the country, many of the members showed a lack of interest in the lodge and allowed their dues to accumulate. No work offering and financially behind, I advised that they suspend at once those who could but would not pay, and to endeavor to compromise with others and make a fresh start. To W. Bro. Henry Clark, P. M., and a very few others, every credit is due for devoting both time and means to keep life in this lodge, but I fear that the revival that took place in the time of R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn was only spasmodic, for those who have an interest in the welfare of the lodge seem to think that they will be compelled to surrender their warrant unless the present effort should prove successful.

My next visit was to Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek, on Dec. 10th, accompanied by about thirty brethren from Hamilton. Partially for the novelty of enjoying a trip over the new electric railway, but largely owing to the well known hospitality of the Stony Creek brethren, the largest deputation of the year's series of visits was trustingly launched on their good nature. It is needless to say we found our trust undeservedly bestowed. W. Bro. Theobald, the W. M., and other officers well up in their work. They own their own hall, are well insured, and have a comfortable surplus. Business transacted : Balloted for three and initiated one.

On Dec. 12th, I visited Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington. The W. M. being absent the lodge was in charge of W. Bro. E. C. Kerns, I. P. M. This being the annual meeting for the election of officers, on request of the acting Master I assumed the gavel and conducted the election. I feel confident the lodge will prosper under the new staff. Is in fair shape generally. Books well kept ; insurance ample. W. Bro. Kerns being about to take up his residence in Toronto, was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel.

On Dec. 11th, visited Temple Lodge, Hamilton, and presided at the election of officers. W. Bro. Thos. Pedler, the W. M., had proved himself an expert ruler in the Craft, and his

successor, W. Bro. D. Clark, has kept up the enviable standard of the lodge.

Visited Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, on Dec. 14th. The officers for the ensuing year were elected. It is only necessary to say that they have proved themselves in every way worthy successors to the many distinguished brethren who owe their Masonic birth to Acacia Lodge, which numbers amongst its sons two Past Grand Masters, one of them being the present popular Grand Treasurer M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. W. Bro. A. T. Neill, the W. M., has reason to be proud of his lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40 : I visited this lodge on Dec. 20th, and presided at their election of officers. Need I say that this visit was perhaps the crowning event of my Masonic career ? I have received many tokens of good will from my brethren in St. John's Lodge, but the enthusiasm with which they received me in my official capacity, and the kind words spoken by W. Bro. J. B. Turner in welcoming me will long remain green in my memory. St. John's Lodge is proud of still retaining the name of the Banner Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of Canada, in point of numbers, while second to none in regard to work. It was not my privilege to see any work done by the officers of the city lodges on the occasion of my official visit, but as I have had many opportunities of inspecting the work in an unofficial capacity I can testify to the correct and effective manner in which it has been performed by all.

On Dec. 20th I visited the Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton, and presided during the election of their officers. The lodge retains a leading place amongst the first in the jurisdiction both as regards work and financial position. W. Bro. J. W. Morton, who has proved an exceptionally successful Master, had the pleasure of receiving a fraternal visit from W. Bro. Kappelle, and officers of Zetland Lodge, Toronto, who worked the first degree in a faultless manner. The most interesting event of the evening, however, was the presentation to M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, P. G. M., of the address and testimonial tendered by the Grand Lodge of Canada to one of its most honored and successful rulers. The immense turn out of brethren, crowding the lodge to its utmost capacity, testified to the esteem in which the most distinguished son of Strict Observance is held by the Craft.

Feb. 6th, 1895, thermometer in neighborhood of 20° below zero, accompanied by five other brethren, all robed in fur coats with fur caps and gloves, drove fourteen miles to visit old St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia. Although the

drive was a somewhat chilly one, the reception tendered us was a decided contrast. There was no work, but W. Bro. Bingle, the W. M., opened and closed the three degrees, and did good work. The lodge is in good shape and prospering ; books well kept and effects insured. It was my pleasant privilege to invest V. W. Bro. James Old in the regalia of his office as Grand Steward. V. W. Bro. Old is one of the mainstays of St. Andrew's Lodge and a genuine Mason. R. W. Bro. Malloy, W. Bros. Greenhill, Birrell, Holden and Cox, on our return to the city declared that they had taken more degrees in one night than it ever had been their privilege to take before.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, was visited on March 4th. This lodge has been handicapped by the removal of the W. M. and most of the Past Masters from the town. The financial depression which has prevailed has been especially severe in Dundas, owing to its being almost entirely a manufacturing place. To W. Bro. F. A. Latshaw, who is about the only P. M. left, and takes an active interest in the lodge, is due the greatest credit for the manner in which he has kept the lodge together. There was no work, and a small attendance of their own members. Was present a large deputation of the energetic brethren from Dufferin Lodge, headed by W. Bro. Daniels, at the meeting. This little bit of missionary work has done more good than they expected, as when I visited the lodge at a later meeting they had two applications in, and I believe the prospects are much brighter.

On Mar. 7th, accompanied by a number of brethren, I visited St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton. There was no work, but the lodge is in good shape, fully insured, and the members very enthusiastic. This was one of the most enjoyable of my visits. The Grand Superintendent of Works of this District, R. E. Comp. Birrell, paid his official visit to the R. A. Chapter on the same afternoon. He found that the enthusiastic workers in the Chapter were also the enthusiastic workers in the Blue Lodge.

At Milton I was deserted by all the deputation excepting Bro. T. M. Davis, S. W. of the Lodge of Strict Observance, who accompanied me on to Georgetown to visit Credit Lodge, No. 219, on Mar. 8th. Speaking of Bro. Davis, I might add that those who are acquainted with him know that he is a host in himself. W. Bro. Rooe worked the first degree in a most excellent manner, and was well supported by his officers. The lodge is in good shape.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford, was next visited on Mar.

12th. W. Bro. W. W. Greenhill acted as District Secretary. This lodge, in common with Doric Lodge, has the most beautiful lodge-room in the district. The W. M. W. Bro. J. E. Taylor and his officers are well up in their work. The second degree was worked in a manner that allowed of no criticism. The brethren, assisted by R. W. Bro. F. C. Heath, my talented and popular predecessor, did all in their power to make my visit pleasant.

On April 3rd visited Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster, and found it in good condition, financially and otherwise. Although not much work has offered during the year, W. Bro. P. Middleton and his officers are well up in their work and are active and intelligent Masons. I was pleased to meet here also the Dufferin missionaries.

Visited St. George Lodge, No. 243, at St. George, on the following night, April 4th. No work; books well kept; officers competent; effects fully insured. Average attendance fully one-third of total membership, which is very good for a village lodge. W. Bro. D. Burt, the W. M., W. Bro. J. P. Lawrason and other of their Past Masters and members, are men of far more than ordinary ability, and the lodge cannot fail to prosper under their management and guidance.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, was visited on April 9th, and found in good shape; officers well up in their work and enthusiastic, V. W. Bro. Ferah and W. Bro. Spiers keeping a fatherly eye over the younger brethren.

On April 19th I visited Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, and had the pleasure of meeting one of the largest gatherings of members of the Craft that have been assembled together during my term of office. W. Bro. James Ferres acting as District Secretary. This is one of the very best lodges in the district. They are doing a large amount of work and doing it well, and have reason to be proud of their officers, who in turn have reason to be proud of their lodge.

On the occasion of my visit to Brant Lodge I complimented the brethren on their beautiful surroundings, and expressed surprise that they had not provided themselves with an organ, as they can boast of an unusual amount of musical talent in both lodges. The lack of music I thought to be the only thing wanting to make the rendition of the work perfect. A little later I was delighted to find that W. Bro. J. G. Siddell and others had set to work and procured a magnificent instrument for the use of both lodges. The musical service of the choir was superb. W. Bro. W. F. Patterson was presented with a beautiful P. M. jewel by the lodge. W. Bro. J. T.

Storey, the W. M., on behalf of the lodge, added one more to the many acts of courtesy expressed by the Hamilton brethren at the hands of members of the Craft in Brantford by presenting the D. D. G. M. with a beautiful case as a souvenir of his visit. I must say it is my most valued Masonic possession, coming from a lodge of which I am not a member, and from a city of which I am not a resident.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton West, was next visited on May 6th. I am sorry to have to report that I found this lodge in a very indifferent state, only eight meetings having been held during the year, and at most of these only about enough members attending to make the meetings regular. While the lodge is in good shape financially, and the books well kept, having an excellent Secretary in Bro. W. R. Kenney, I found the W. M. unable to work any of the degrees, or open or close his lodge in the second or third; opening and closing in the first fairly well, showing that it was a lack of application and not of ability. After a somewhat severe lecture to the W. M. for his shortcomings, and to the brethren for having elected and installed a W. M. who was not qualified for the position, I received a pledge from the W. Brother that he would immediately apply himself to the work in earnest, and I harbor strong hopes that the next report will be a much more favorable one. To the I. P. M., W. Bro. Jno. Kenney, as well as his brother, the Secretary, is due a great deal of credit for their efforts to keep up the interest in the lodge under the trying circumstances. W. Bro. W. I. McAllister accompanied me and acted as District Secretary.

On June 10th I visited the old Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, and presided at their election of officers. This year they hold their centennial celebration, and at no time during the century could they have done better work or shown a more healthy condition than during the past year under W. Bro. Reynolds and his efficient staff of officers. V. W. Bro. Geo. E. Mason, the Secretary, is a model.

I completed my round of visitations on June 6th with Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton. They have had a prosperous year under W. Bro. T. Smith, and are doing good work. The officers for the next year were elected and will give a good account of themselves.

Assisted by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and other R. W. and W. brethren, I installed the officers of Strict Observance, St. John's, Acacia and Temple Lodges on St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27th, 1894, and the officers of Barton and Doric Lodges on the festival of St. John the Baptist, 24th June, 1894, this being my last official act.

I desire to express my warmest thanks to the lodges and brethren of the Eighth District for the uniform kindness with which I was received, even on the few occasions on which I found it necessary to correct or admonish the brethren.

In conclusion, let me express the deep debt of obligation I am under to the many brethren who accompanied me on my visits to the various lodges in the district. I found in R. W. Bros. Malloy and Gunn and W. Bros. Greenhill, Birrell, Emory, McAllister, Pedler, Holden, Ferres, Cheyne and others, a band of truly Masonic spirits, who assisted in making pleasant many a long drive or trip by rail, sometimes necessitating a very late return to our homes.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

THOS. MCCALLUM, D. D. G. M.,
Hamilton District, No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'r'd			Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.		No. of members 12 months in arrears.		Total of all Arrearages.		Date of last G. L. Return.		Financial Standing.		Prospects of Lodge.		Can. W. M. Work all degrees	Insurance.		
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	B. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.			Can. W. M. Work all degrees	Insurance.
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	302	10	10	8	7	1	1	2	13	6	12	6	18	27	\$12 00	104	\$415 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Sound.	Good.	Yes	Joint.				
27	Strict Observer	Hamilton.....	248	4	10	11	8	5	6	2	4	1	2	13	2	15	40	12 00	42	141 25	June 24, '95.	Sound.	Good.	Yes	Joint.			
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	327	4	10	9	10	6	1	6	1	1	4	7	12	5	17	40	12 00	90	280 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Sound.	Good.	Yes	Joint.		
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	114	8	3	8	6	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	5	17	21	20 00	27	95 85	Feb. 2, '95.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	\$1500		
57	Harmony.....	Burlington.....	60	3	1	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	13	15	29	12 00	30	100 00	Feb. 27, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	\$800 00		
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	229	3	6	7	9	2	1	1	3	7	1	2	13	2	15	29	12 00	75	265 25	Feb. 27, '94.	Sound.	Good.	Yes	Joint.		
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia.....	31	2	4	5	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	15	15	7 25	5	22 50	June 11, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	Yes.		
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	72	4	4	5	4	4	1	1	4	5	13	13	13	15	15	15	7 25	35	351 03	Dec. 27, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	\$550 00		
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	134	14	10	9	7	4	3	2	2	1	1	13	4	17	42	30 00	8	16	115 25	Dec. 27, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Joint.		
135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	54	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	14	15	15 00	15	68 50	June 14, '95.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	500 00		
165	Burlington	Burlington.....	45	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	13	15	15 00	20	72 00	June 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00			
166	Wentworth	Stony Creek.....	66	4	5	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	13	19	15 00	16	100 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Sound.	Good.	Yes	257 00			
219	Credit.....	Georgetown.....	53	2	5	5	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	13	15	5 00	23	140 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00			
213	St. George.....	St. George.....	51	7	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	10	15	5 00	23	140 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00		
272	Seymour.....	Aucaster.....	42	6	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	10	15	5 00	23	140 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00		
291	Dufferin.....	West Flamb'ro	38	3	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	10	10 00	12	69 00	June 24, '94.	Good.	Fair.	No.	200 00			
321	Walker.....	Acton West.....	211	2	7	5	6	2	1	6	1	1	1	8	8	10	10	12 00	30	115 00	June 24, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Joint.			
324	Temple.....	Hamilton.....	211	2	7	5	6	2	1	6	1	1	1	2	13	2	15	45	12 00	30	115 00	June 24, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Joint.		
357	Waterdown	Waterdown.....	44	3	6	7	8	1	1	3	4	1	1	3	12	1	12	9	12 00	10	42 50	Jan. 16, '95.	Poor.	Poor.	Yes	None.		
382	Doric.....	Hamilton.....	119	4	3	6	7	8	1	1	3	4	1	3	13	1	14	36	12 00	62	220 00	June 24, '95.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	Joint.		
400	Oakville.....	Oakville.....	94	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	19	10 00	38	136 17	June 24, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00			

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to present to you my report on the condition of the Craft in the Georgian District during the past year, and whilst so doing I take the opportunity of thanking the brethren of my district for the honor conferred upon me by electing me as their D. D. G. M.

My first appointment on being elected, was that of W. Bro. T. H. Robinson, of Orillia Lodge, No. 192 as District Secretary, through whose strict and efficient attention to the duties of his office, my work was rendered a pleasing task.

The appointment of Bro. Dr. Harper, of Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie, as District Chaplain, was also a source of pleasure to me.

On my official visit to each lodge, it is almost unnecessary to mention the true hospitality with which I was received on every occasion, and the goodfellowship that universally prevailed among the brethren through the whole district. The good attendance which I found on all my visits, with one or two exceptions, convince me of the hearty interest which is maintained in Masonry in the district, and which I believe to be increasing. In regard to the work, I am pleased to be able to say, that on the whole it was well performed, but in some instances, considerable improvement could be effected if more attention was devoted to the manner of doing the work than to the work itself, as to render same impressive, punctuation, modulation and expression, should be practiced and observed. I also observed a tendency in some lodges to elect to the J. W.'s chair members who had just been raised, and who were not sufficiently advanced in the principles of the science to fill such positions, and in one particular instance I found a J. W. who had to confess his inability to examine a candidate in the second degree. Feeling as I do, and as we are all aware that the success of each individual lodge depends almost entirely upon the proficiency of its officers, I issued a circular letter to all the lodges strongly recommending that the greatest caution be observed in all elections, so that none but those who are properly qualified to be chosen.

I am pleased to be able to report that all the lodges throughout the district are in fair financial standing, and that very few members are in arrears.

I called no emergency meetings throughout the year but was particular to make my official visits on regular meeting nights, which course I would recommend to my successor, as it is a great convenience to the different lodges in the district.

I was greatly pleased to note the almost entire absence of stimulants in all Masonic gatherings in the district.

DISPENSATIONS.

In pursuance of the request of those interested I granted the following dispensations :

(1) Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown, authority to attend divine service clothed as Masons on March 3, 1895.

(2) Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelbourn, similar authority for June 23, 1895.

(3) Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton, similar authority for June 23, 1895.

DEATHS.

During my term of office the following deaths have been reported to me, namely :

(1) Bro. F. Edwards, for many years tyler of Kerr and Corinthian lodges, Barrie.

(2) Bro. Charles Beatty, of Manito Lodge, Collingwood.

(3) Bro. John Boon, of Corinthian Lodge, Barrie.

(4) Bro. William Burnett, of Beaver Lodge, Clarksburg.

(5) Bro. Daniel Stewart, of Lorne Lodge, Shelbourn.

(6) Bro. John Hoy, a charter member of Orillia Lodge, No. 192.

VISITS.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford : I visited on March 8th, 1895, and was much grieved to find an entire want of interest exhibited by the brethren in this the oldest lodge in the district. From year to year this lodge shows no signs of progress, and to what cause this is attributable I am unable to say; however, I hope under the influence of R. W. Bro. Broughton, my successor may find it again revived and prospering. I was surprised to find that meetings were being held in an A. O. U. W. hall, it being the only available place, which fact I duly reported to the Grand Master. The second degree was ably exemplified by R. W. Bro. Broughton, who received no support from his own officers, W. Bro. Boddy having to fill the S. W. chair, owing to the absence through illness of that officer, and myself the J. W.'s and S. D.'s chairs.

St. George Lodge, No. 88, and North Star, 322, Owen Sound : I visited on April 3rd, 1895, a joint meeting having been called, when I found a large and enthusiastic gathering of the brethren. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees well. Owing to the candidate for the second failing to appear, W. Bro. Chrisholm kindly consented to act as a substitute, when the degree was ably exemplified by Bro. Munro, who was well supported by his officers. Through the great kindness of R. W. Bro. McLaughlin my visit to Owen Sound was made exceptionally pleasant.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood : I visited on March 13th, 1895, and was at once impressed with the hearty interest exhibited by the brethren there, as evidenced by the splendid temple which they have erected, and which I trust will long remain as an incentive to perpetuate that energy and zeal in Masonry as was shown by those who were instrumental in its erection. The attendance was good. The second degree was exemplified very creditably by W. Bro. Wilson, who was well supported by his officers. I was pleased to be accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Saunders.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie : I visited on March 7th, 1895. It has always been a pleasure for me to visit this lodge, which I have done very frequently, as the most cordial relations have always existed between its members and myself. On this the occasion of my official visit the attendance was exceptionally large, there being 108 brethren present. The most impressive degree, the third, was excellently conferred by W. Bro. Montgomery, who, as is usual with Corinthian, received a most perfect support from his officers.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford : I visited on November 16th, 1894, and was glad to find a good attendance and lots of Masonic enthusiasm displayed. It was also a source of pleasure to note that all the old differences in this lodge had given place to renewed vigor and unity. In the absence of W. Bro. McGee, through illness, the East was occupied by W. Bro. Sparling, and as there was no regular work on, a first degree was exemplified by him, R. W. Bro. McCarroll acting as a candidate. A very commendable feature of the fourth degree was the opening of same by the chanting of prayer, witnessed by me for the first and only time in my district.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia : This being my own lodge I visited same frequently, and on St. John's night attended officially and installed the officers. The attendance throughout the year has been variable ; however, the lodge has a good

healthy growth and is progressing very favorably under the able guidance of W. Bro. Wesley Moore. The most memorable meeting of the year was that of April 5th, 1895, when Kerr and Corinthian lodges of Barrie, by invitation, visited Orillia to the number of 81, and from the expression of opinion by the Barrie brethren, a most enjoyable evening was spent, the visitors returning home by special train in time for breakfast. A first degree was conferred in a most excellent manner by W. Bro. Lyons, of Kerr Lodge, ably supported by a most efficient set of officers, and a third by W. Bro. Montgomery, of Corinthian, and his officers in an equally efficient manner. The fourth degree on this occasion had a very magnetic attraction, which extended even beyond Barrie, 154 brethren having partaken of same, and whatever the occasion, it is gratifying to Orillia Lodge to think that this was the largest regular Masonic Communication ever held north of Toronto.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie : I visited on Nov. 26th, 1894, and was pleased to find such a good attendance. It is gratifying to be able to make a much more favorable report of this lodge than that of my predecessor, and to note the strong progress and good work done with W. Bro. Lyons in the East and a most efficient set of officers to assist him. W. Bro. Lyons, with the assistance of his officers, conferred a second degree perfectly. Here I must compliment the members of this lodge for their wisdom in re-electing its present officers for a second year, as by so doing they insure for themselves further success and progress for the future.

Beaver Lodge, 234, Clarksburg : I visited June 28th, 1895, and owing to the illness of their Master, the installation of the officers was postponed until this meeting, and instead of witnessing any work of the lodge, as I hoped, it fell to my lot, which was a pleasure, of installing the officers. However, from the good attendance, Masonic enthusiasm, and the confidence I have in R. W. Bro. Pye and W. Bro. Dickinson, I am satisfied that this lodge will take its place with the best.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown : I visited on April 8th, 1895, but owing to some misunderstanding as to the date of my visit, the attendance was too small to form a quorum. I again visited this lodge on May 14th, 1895, and found a good attendance. A second degree was fairly worked by W. Bro. Corbett, who had little or no assistance from his officers, there being a great laxity about their work. With efficiency on the part of the officers of this lodge, I am satisfied that good progress can be made, as there is plenty of good material.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 249, Midland : I visited on Nov. 13th, 1894, and notwithstanding very rough weather, there was a good attendance. W. Bro. Raikes initiated two candidates well, and was fairly supported by his officers. This lodge I found in excellent financial standing and everything points to progress and success.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner, I visited on March 5th, 1895, and found a good attendance. A first degree was worked well by W. Bro. Bethune, ably supported by his officers. I cannot but mention the kind hospitality extended to me here by my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Sanders, which rendered this visit exceptionally pleasant.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston : I visited this lodge first on Dec. 12th, 1895, when owing to bad roads, etc., there was great difficulty in procuring a quorum, the Master himself setting the bad example by being absent. No work was done at this meeting. On approaching the lodge-room I was somewhat startled by the announcement that the only legal entrance was by a ladder through an upstairs window, and as such an approach is somewhat derogatory to the dignity of a Mason, I would strongly recommend that some change be made at once. I visited again on June 9th, 1895, and found a fair attendance. A third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Hunter after a great mental effort, and the other officers were very indifferent with the exception of S. W. Bro. Hobson, who performed his duties well, and if he continues in his present course, I can predict a bright Masonic career for him.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud : I visited on May 7th, 1895, and was accompanied by W. Brothers Wesley, Hallett, Lyons and Spry, from Barrie, and but for the bad weather a number of other Barrie brethren intended to have been present. I found a good attendance. Here again I am glad to be able to make a much more favorable report than that of my predecessor. This lodge instead of being a training school for P. M.'s, as it has been termed, has now its own Master and officers, all of whom do good work, and by the continuance of the present enthusiasm is certain to make good progress in the near future, and regardless of what may have been its past record, to its credit be it said that this lodge has taken upon itself the sole support of the widow and family of a deceased brother, and as a just compensation for such a noble work is sure to attain an enviable prosperity, surpassed by none in the district. A second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. McConky in a very creditable manner, ably assisted by his officers.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton : I visited on

April 4th, 1895, and being unknown, insisted on being examined by two P. M.'s, who were quite unfit to conduct an examination, and I would strongly recommend that they, as well as other P. M.'s, become proficient in this work, as they are liable to be called upon at any time to perform same. Attendance was fair. Lodge was opened in the three degrees by the Master, who was unable to confer the third, but which, however, was done by P. M. Bro. Wells, more to his own satisfaction than to mine. I hope this lodge will elect none but qualified officers.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetang: I visited on Jan. 3rd, 1895, having been driven from Midland by W. Bro. Raikes. Attendance was fair. A second degree was creditably worked by Bro. Gillespie. I must compliment this lodge on the comfortable little room which they possess and the flourishing condition in which I found them.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: I visited on Nov. 2nd, 1894, and although the roads were very bad I found a good attendance, some of the members driving ten and fourteen miles to be present, and where such interest is shown prosperity is sure to follow. W. Bro. Mason was unfortunately unable to be present through illness; however the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and three candidates initiated by Bro. Brown, assisted by P. M. Bro. McCleary, in a very creditable manner, well supported by the other officers. The comfortable lodge and ante-rooms here reflect credit upon the members, in addition to the true Masonic feeling which prevails. I cannot but mention the great kindness extended to me on this occasion by my host of the evening.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: I visited on Jan. 16th, 1895, and found good attendance. W. Bro. Matthews opened and closed in three degrees. I. P. M. Bro. Riley exemplified the second degree very creditably, he having conferred same as he had never been officially visited while in the East. I trust the officers of this lodge will devote more attention to their work as there is ample room for improvement, W. Bro. Croft having to fill the S. D.'s chair owing to the inefficiency of that officer.

In concluding I express the sincere hope that my successor in office may be able to make a much more favorable report than this or that of my predecessor, and that in the near future Masonry in the Georgian District may in progress and enthusiasm far surpass my brightest anticipations.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. C. ROPER, D. D. G. M.,
Georgian District, No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'r'd			Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.						
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.									Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.
79	Simcoe	Bradford	29	3	...	3	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	June, '95.	Good.	Good.	Mod'rate	Yes	Yes	None.
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	86	6	...	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 12, '95.	Very Fair.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes	\$600 00
90	Manitow	Collingwood	115	14	9	9	8	5	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. '94.	Excell'nt	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes	1250 00
96	Corinthian	Barrie	44	5	5	2	1	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 10, '95.	Good.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Yes	300 00
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	112	5	7	5	4	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 21, '95.	Fair.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes	500 00
192	Orillia	Orillia	112	5	7	5	4	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	July 14, '94.	Very Fair.	V. Good.	V. Good.	Yes	Yes	Joint.
230	Kerr	Barrie	95	10	10	9	9	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	V. Good.	Yes	Yes	350 00
231	Beaver	Clarksburg	48	4	2	3	4	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Very Fair.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes	400 00
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	44	4	1	3	3	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jan. 8, '95.	Very Fair.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes	400 00
249	Caledonian	Midland	41	3	2	2	2	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jan. 11, '95.	Fair.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes	200 00
256	North Mid'g Stayner	Stayner	22	2	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	July 12, '94.	Fair.	Poor.	Poor.	Yes	Yes	300 00
285	Seven Star	Alliston	22	2	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Feb. 21, '95.	Fair.	Very Fair.	Very Fair.	Yes	Yes	75 00
304	Minerva	Strond	85	3	...	7	5	4	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Fair.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes	600 00
322	North Star	Owen Sound	38	3	...	1	1	2	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	June 24, '95.	Good.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Yes	150 00
333	Fra. Arthur	Flesherton	60	1	5	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	Yes	300 00
348	Georgian	Penetang	31	1	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes	400 00
377	Lorne	Shelbourne	31	1	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	Yes	400 00
385	Spry	Beeton	31	1	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	Yes	400 00

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of the Craft in the Tenth Masonic District.

It was my intention to visit each of the twenty-one lodges in this jurisdiction, but owing to changes in my business relations I have been unable to carry out my plans, and there are several lodges that I have not had the pleasure of meeting with. I trust the brethren will pardon me for this seeming neglect of duty, as I would have visited them all had it been possible. The following is an account of the official visits paid by me to the lodges :

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara : Visited this lodge March 6th, their regular meeting. In the absence of the Master, the work of raising two brethren was performed by P. M. Wor. Bro. Knox. The attendance was twenty-five members. This lodge has increased its membership during the year, and seems to be in good condition.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby : Visited this lodge at their regular meeting, January 10th. It was raining very heavy all evening, and in consequence thereof the attendance at meeting was small, about fifteen brethren being present. There was no work. W. M. Cowan opened and closed in the three degrees very well. The lodge is in good condition financially, but have not been doing much work lately.

St. George Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines : This lodge is meeting at present in the Oddfellows' building, under dispensation from the Grand Master, their lodge-room having been destroyed by fire in January. They received \$500 insurance on their lodge furniture, regalia, etc., which amount will enable them to furnish their new lodge-room in the new Masonic Temple when completed. I have not visited them officially.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville : Visited this lodge February 13th at their regular meeting. There were about thirty members present. The Worshipful Master had a severe cold and the work was done by P. M. Amsden in a very creditable manner. They have a nice lodge-room and are in good standing financially.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: Visited this lodge September 27th, at an emergent meeting, and witnessed one initiation. The work was very well done by the Worshipful Master. There were about twenty members present. The next day was present at an especial communication of Grand Lodge, held for the purpose of assisting the M. W. the Grand Master in laying the corner-stone of the new Town Hall. There was a large gathering of the brethren from the surrounding lodges. The visiting brethren were well entertained by the members of St. John's Lodge.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: This being my mother lodge, I have attended their meetings as often as possible, but never in my official capacity of D. D. G. M. They also lost everything by the fire in January, along with St. George and Temple Lodges, and are now holding their meetings in the Oddfellows' building. They had \$500 insurance, which will enable them to furnish the new lodge-room. This lodge has done no work, but have accepted several candidates, and will have plenty to do when they are settled in their new lodge-room.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls (South): Visited this lodge May 7th on a regular meeting night. The W. M. was unable to attend. There was no work performed.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: I visited this lodge January 29th on the occasion of a visit of Barton Lodge, of Hamilton. There was a large gathering of visiting brethren from St. Catharines, Port Dalhousie, Grimsby, Niagara Falls, Hamilton and other places. This lodge is doing very good work and have initiated several members this year. The W. M., Bro. Simpson, is a very enthusiastic Mason. Beamsville is the home of our R. W. D. G. M. Wm. Gibson, who takes great pride in seeing Ivy Lodge flourish.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold: I visited this lodge February 6th on their regular meeting night. There were about twenty-five members present. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees. They have a nice lodge-room, are well insured, but have done no work for several months.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls: I visited this lodge May 2nd on their regular meeting night. There were about twenty members present. The W. M. worked the second degree in a very good manner. This lodge is progressing favorably.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie: I visited this lodge January 9th. It was a regular meeting night and about fifteen members were present. They have not had much work

lately and their prospects are not very bright. They have a nice room and are insured.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of the installation of officers, and witnessed the ceremony performed by V. W. Bro. Klotz. The new officers are good workers and should make the lodge strong. This lodge was also a sufferer by the fire, and unfortunately lost everything except the lodge books. They are now meeting under dispensation in the Oddfellows' building.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville: I visited Hiram Lodge on Feb. 7th. The weather was very cold, about 7° below zero, so they did not have a very large meeting. The third degree was worked very fair by the W. M. They have no debt and are insured.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis: I visited this lodge on Feb 8th. There were about twenty members present, as the weather was severe. R. W. Bro. Jaques, the W. M., worked the third degree in a faultless manner. The prospects for this lodge are good.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, International bridge: I visited this lodge on Feb 12th, on regular meeting night. There was no work. Their position is sound and prospects good.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued two dispensations to allow brethren clothed as Masons to attend divine service, viz.: Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville, and Copestone, No. 373, Welland.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me: W. Bro. Robt. Best, Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara; V. W. Bro. Robt. Struthers, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines; Bro. James Boyle, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines; Bro. D. A. Shelbock, Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls; Bro. Murdoch McDonald, Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold.

The brethren of St. Catharines sustained a heavy loss on the 14th January by the destruction of their Masonic temple with fire. The furniture, regalia, jewels and warrants of St. George, Maple Leaf and Temple Lodges, together with the Chapter and Preceptory furnishings, were completely destroyed. The temple has been rebuilt and the brethren are now furnishing the lodge-rooms, which when completed will be a credit to the Craft, and second to none in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I beg to return my sincere thanks to the representatives of Niagara District for the honor which they have conferred on me, also for the kindness and courtesy extended to me at all times.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. J. JOHNSTON, D. D. G. M.,

Niagara District, No. 10.

TORONTO DISTRICT No. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

It is with pleasure that in laying down the insignia of office I submit for your consideration my report upon the condition of the Craft in the Eleventh Masonic District, indicating as it does that the true spirit of Masonry permeates the brethren of the various lodges as a whole, and as a result the year has been replete with instances that give evidence of that effective, educative and beneficent work which should characterize the Craft everywhere and always.

I have officially visited the whole complement of lodges, comprising thirty-nine, being one more than any of my predecessors in the office of D. D. G. M. had under their guidance, superintendence and direction when in the occupancy of this high office, owing to the fact that at the last convocation of Grand Lodge, True Blue Lodge, No. 98, of Bolton, was detached from Georgian District No. 9 and attached to the Toronto District.

Inasmuch as I am not my own master and cannot always direct my actions, being the servant of another organization which is almost all-engrossing in its calls upon my time, I have had on three or four occasions to disappoint lodges, which fact has caused me much regret, and I trust the lodges so disappointed for the time, and which I afterwards had the felicity of visiting, will overlook my several defaults in that respect. Owing to a protest entered against my election at the last meeting of Grand Lodge (which protest was not decided in my favor by the Most Worshipful Grand Master for several weeks thereafter), I virtually had only ten months to do the necessary work consequent upon lodge visitations, and as a result the last of my visits were only effected in the early part of last month. As soon as I was confirmed in my election I appointed Worshipful Brother Donovan, Worshipful Master of Occident Lodge, No. 346, District Secretary, and I have pleasure in stating that he proved a most efficient one, and I am greatly indebted to him for his many favors and careful acts during the year, performed not only in my best interests Masonically, but in the interest of the District. At

the same time I appointed District Chaplain Bro. Rev. Dr. Percival, of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129. He, however, ere he had hardly entered upon his duties, was called to a distant field of labor in the interests of the church organization of which he has always been a zealous member and a successful pastor, and as a result I had to make another appointment to that office, and experienced gratification in appointing thereto Rev. Brother Chambers, LL.B., of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, and minister of the New Richmond Methodist Church, Toronto.

PROGRESS OF MASONRY IN THE DISTRICT.

The work of the year has been most satisfactory in all the lodges with one or two exceptions. For the most part the work has been done by the respective officers of the respective lodges in a manner that I do not think could be excelled within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, nor anywhere outside the limits thereof. One of the things that gratified me most during the year was that on looking over the various Tyler's books I found that the Past Masters of the district, although years have gone by since the large majority of them occupied the chair, are still taking an active interest in the work, and show their appreciation thereof by being regular in their attendance, and I think it is owing to this encouraging and stimulating fact, and the farther fact that this district has been ably presided over by my predecessors in office; that the district is now in such an efficient and progressive condition.

Now, at the expiration of my term, as in thought I contemplate the work of my predecessors, skilled and eminent craftsmen as they have been, I cannot but feel that my occupancy of the office has been but a feeble reflection of the brilliancy of theirs, and yet I am convinced much has been accomplished in my year. While endeavoring to religiously perform the functions of the office to the full extent afforded me by my Masonic light and knowledge, still I feel and know that I have been unable to satisfy all my brethren in my official acts from time to time, and that too, notwithstanding the fact that where praise was merited I cordially rendered it, and when requiring to reprove I did so only by summoning to my aid the use of gentle and kindly language. The year has been a hard one owing to the number of somewhat troublesome matters that have arisen, which I trust have all been satisfactorily disposed of, at least, so disposed of as to meet with the approval of the major portion of those respectively concerned therein.

Referring to the extent of the district I must join issue with the remarks made by the popular D. D. G. M. of the district for the year 1893, Right Worshipful Brother H. A. Collins, and in doing so endorse the language of Right Worshipful Brother Brunton and others who have thought well to lay before the Grand Lodge the advisability of dividing the district. In my opinion it is altogether too large for any brother to administer satisfactorily to himself or to the district. In any event as now constituted, no busy man at least, should undertake the work of the District Deputy. I respectfully submit that the district should be forthwith divided, and I trust that Grand Lodge will at its approaching session take such steps with that end in view as it may in its wisdom think necessary and judicious. If the district is to be divided I think Yonge street should be the dividing line, which would give to the Eastern Division sixteen lodges, and to the Western Division twenty-three lodges, so divided there would be given to each about one-half of the rural lodges. I think this would be better than making the city one district, and the rural portion of the present district the other, for a district made up of the latter would be curious geographically, and most inconvenient for the District Deputy. Where the city lodges placed in one district and the country ones in another, the number of lodges in the respective districts would be the same as if Yonge street were chosen as the dividing line.

DISPUTED JURISDICTION.

During the year I received a complaint from Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, against J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, of Millbrook, which is within the jurisdiction of the Twelfth Masonic District, to the effect that one Bro. Best had been improperly initiated by the latter lodge, although a resident within the district of the former. On receiving the complaint I immediately put myself in correspondence with the Grand Lodge and R. W. Bro. Dr. Rae, District Deputy of the latter district, and as he agrees with me that Bro. Best should not have been initiated by the said lodge within his jurisdiction, the matter is in a fair way of an early settlement. I also received a complaint from Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction, that Rising Sun Lodge, No. 29, of Aurora, had improperly initiated Bro. Quiline. On inquiring into the circumstances, while agreeing with the complaints that the brother in question should not have been initiated by Rising Sun, I feel satisfied that the latter lodge acted in good faith and believed it had proper jurisdiction. It is a case where the brother initiated worked at Toronto Junc-

tion but his parents lived in Aurora, and although he was almost constantly in the former town engaged in his daily avocation, still he looked upon his father's home in Aurora as his home, and hence Rising Sun claimed that this fact gave them the right to initiate. I could not look upon it in the same light and have so held. I trust that Rising Sun will make the necessary and proper restitution to Stanley Lodge on account thereof. I am glad to see that there is notice of motion before Grand Lodge, which if it meets with approval thereof will prevent questions of this kind arising in the future. I really think that in such cases the party applying ought to be at liberty to join either the lodge within the municipality where he works or in that where his parents reside, provided he is an unmarried man and has no place other than his parents' residence that he could properly call home.

TIME OF ELECTIONS.

In harmony with the opinion of my predecessors in office of late years, I think that all the elections of the subordinate lodges should take place immediately preceding the meeting of Grand Lodge, so that the D. D. G. M., with the various Worshipful Masters and officers of the different lodges, should hold office contemporaneously throughout the year; in other words, I think that the Grand Lodge should require that all these elections should take place in the middle of the year instead of at the beginning of the year, or else Grand Lodge itself should change the date of its meeting so as to meet about the beginning of the year instead of the middle of the year, and in that event require that the elections of the subordinate lodges should also be held immediately preceding that date. As things now are, where some of the lodges elect at the end of the year and others about the middle thereof, the officers of several lodges might in this jurisdiction entirely escape inspection throughout the whole year, and that too notwithstanding that the D. D. G. M. visited every lodge during his year of office. I really think that this is a matter that should engage the serious attention of Grand Lodge now or in the very near future.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Believing that a Lodge of Instruction for the district would be in its best interests, and inasmuch as I myself belong to a country lodge, I had one called for the 10th day of April at Newmarket, and notwithstanding the roads were almost impassable at the time, there was present thereat a very large gathering of Masons, not only from Tuscan Lodge, but from

Sharon, Rising Sun, Richardson, Rehoboam and other lodges as well. The first degree was exemplified by Bro. McCormick and officers of Tuscan Lodge; the second degree by Bro. Nicol and officers of Rising Sun, and the third degree by Bro. Grierson and officers of Rehoboam. The work was so well done in all three degrees as to entirely proclude the possibility of adverse criticism. It was extremely pleasing and highly instructive to see the work done from the various chairs and by all taking part therein. It was so universally admittedly well done that I am really at a loss to say which of the degrees was worked the best. I was gratified to have had with me on the occasion two of the former representatives of the Grand Master in the District, R. W. Col. Whaling and R. W. Bro. Brunton.

PAST MASTER'S ASSOCIATION.

This Association is doing good work for Masonry in this district at least. I am convinced that such has been the result during the year just closing under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Roaf, who found a most efficient assistant in W. Bro. Arthur Dinnis, the efficient Secretary of the Association. I was only able to avail myself of the pleasure of attending two or three meetings thereof, but on those occasions there were papers read by R. W. Bro. Bennett and W. Bro. Kappeler that might well receive the careful thought and attention of every member of the Association. I commend the work thereof to our Past Masters. I think all should join it if possible, for I feel sure that in bringing brethren together from time to time who have filled the highest offices in the gift of their constituents in the various lodges, not only will those thus associating together be mutually instructed and thereby greatly benefited, but the bonds of love and the ties of friendship which ought to bind us together as a brotherhood will be cemented and strengthened immeasurably.

DIVINE SERVICE.

I take pleasure in drawing your attention to the fact that brethren, not only in the city, but throughout the district, attended divine service in a body during last month, including Brock Union, of Cannington, Stanley, of Toronto Junction, Mimico, Streetsville and Brampton. On the 23rd of last month the brethren of the various city lodges convened at my request to the number of about 400 and marched in a body to the New Richmond Methodist Church where the District Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Chambers preached an eloquent and instructive sermon, and while thereby demonstrating himself to

be a true herald of the Cross, did not forget to impress upon his audience the great work being done for mankind by the Masonic body throughout the world. Having been hurriedly summoned to attend a public meeting at Charlottetown, P. E. I., I was denied the pleasure and profit of being present on the occasion of the holding of the said service. This was the cause of supreme regret to me. It affords me pleasure to report that the trustees of the New Richmond congregation forwarded me a cheque of \$60 as a result of the collection taken up on the occasion of said service, and after deducting \$6 for necessary advertising in the local papers, I had the gratification of handing to M. W. John Ross Robertson the sum of \$54 as a contribution to the treasury of the Sick Children's Hospital. I am much indebted to R. W. Bro. Roaf for having taken charge in my absence, and to W. Bro. B. Allen (who has ever rendered me assistance when called upon), for having most acceptably performed thereat the functions pertaining to the office of Master of Ceremonies.

OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN.

During the year there have been lost to us by the hand of the grim destroyer thirty-six brethren, most of whom were unknown to me except by name. Conspicuous among those who have recently died was Worshipful Bro. Dr. Robert Hillary, of Aurora, and in his death Rising Sun Lodge has sustained a severe loss. Toronto, too, has sustained serious losses in the respective deaths of Right Worshipful Bro. Menet, of St. John's Lodge; Worshipful Bro. Slatter, of Zetland Lodge, and Bro. Alderman Murray, of St. George's Lodge, and others whose names I might mention had I time. Our earnest prayer is that in the judgment their careers in Masonry will respectively be found to have been unstained by vice and unspotted by sin. While our sympathies go out to the families of those thus bereaved, in the hope that in the knowledge of their being possessed of that sympathy, they will be the better enabled to bear up under the heavy burden placed upon them by a kind Providence; having learned to love these brethren within the charmed circle of our Masonic lodges, the recollection of their many kindly deeds and manly virtues will ever be as a green spot in the memory of each of us who are left to lament and to wait until we too in turn receive the summons from the Most High.

ONTARIO MASONS.

During the year I have, under instructions of the Most

Worshipful the Grand Master, healed Bros. Lester, Callow, McKay and Walsh, all of whom, with one exception, have identified themselves with one or more of the city lodges. I am glad to report that in my opinion each one of these brethren was misled into joining the other organization, and united with it in the full belief that in that act they were taking the initial steps in legitimate Masonry. I am also pleased to report that during the year I have had considerable correspondence with a view to taking over the whole of that body, in so far as this district is concerned, and I think that happy result is now in the last steps of consummation, and that hereafter nothing further will be heard of so-called Ontario Masonry.

A REAL GRIEVANCE.

In March last the W. M. of Stevenson Lodge requested me to obtain for Bro. William Smith, of that lodge, a Grand Lodge Certificate, and after considerable correspondence with the Grand Secretary there anent, my application resulted in failure, simply because the brother did not receive all his degrees in Canada, but only his third degree, having obtained the others in St. John's Masonic Lodge, No. 811, Ireland. The difficulty in the way appears to be that there is no form of certificate to cover such a case, although in my opinion Sections 240, 241 and 242 of the Book of Constitution are wide enough to provide therefor, for on reference to the last named section I find it says: "Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge Certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge." I trust that the hardship under which the brother labors will, at this session of Grand Lodge, be remedied by such action being taken as will meet the requirements in such cases, for it does appear to me that the brother aggrieved is clearly entitled to a Grand Lodge Certificate.

EXPENSES OF THE D. D. G. M.

In order to officially visit the respective lodges I travelled some 1,300 miles, and in communicating with them and individual members of the Craft through the aid of the mail, I wrote some 500 letters. My personal disbursements have not been large, possibly not more than \$100.00 in all, but my experience has been that of my predecessors, judging from reports of recent District Deputies, for only some six lodges paid me my disbursements, amounting in all to about \$15.00. The matter is of small moment to myself personally, but in view of the fact that many men are well fitted and adapted to occupy the position of D. D. G. M., and have the necessary

leisure to properly perform the functions of the office, still, if required to pay their own expenses, are effectually precluded from aspiring to that office, and in consequence I trust that Grand Lodge in the future will either undertake to pay the actual disbursements of the several District Deputies throughout the jurisdiction, or devise some means for assessing the lodges therefor, and thus constrain them to perform this simple act of justice towards the brethren whom they year by year elect to fill the office, and to effect which they willingly sacrifice very much time and comfort. More than that should not be expected of them. I do not care to individualize the lodges who paid my expenses, as some of my predecessors have done, but I trust that the lodges who did not pay me this year and who have not been in the habit of paying former District Deputies, without being impelled thereto by Grand Lodge, will, on reading this my report, make a new departure in this respect and remedy this wrong. I might just here add that in District No. 12 the universal custom is to pay these expenses.

FURNITURE, REGALIA, BOOKS, ETC.

In every instance I found the above in a good state of preservation and properly insured, but, unfortunately, in some half dozen of the lodges I discovered that it had never been the custom to have a Senior Warden's inventory thereof. The importance of these inventories cannot be over-estimated, and I endeavored to impress upon all the lodges the absolute necessity of curing this irregularity at the earliest possible date, and some of them have since done so. In one instance I found a large and most prosperous lodge had never thought it necessary to obtain a lodge register, and in some two or three of the lodges the registers did not convey the information intended, such as the residences and occupations of those initiated into the Craft from time to time. With these few exceptions the books of the district are remarkably well kept, which remark applies in almost equal measure to all the city lodges and a very large majority of the country ones. Since writing the above the lodge referred to as not having a register has obtained one, and I have been officially notified to that effect.

STATISTICS.

I commend to careful consideration of the lodges the statement annexed to this my report, which shows that during the year \$1,815.82 was expended in charity, that the additions to the membership after deducting all losses were 213, that

that the total membership is 3,537, that there are 629 members over twelve months in arrears, etc. I cannot too strongly urge the lodges to collect the dues promptly, for nothing so effectually leads to the disruption of a lodge as the accumulation of debt, which is something that is sure to happen unless its revenue is promptly and carefully looked after. By the said statement it will also be seen that Zetland Lodge had the largest number of initiations during the year, viz. : thirteen ; that the following lodges had the least :— Brock, Doric No. 424, Humber, Markham Union, Sharon, St. George, Tuscan, Union and Vaughn, viz., one ; and that the following lodges did not initiate any, viz., Brougham Union, Richmond and Patterson. The statement further shows that Stevenson Lodge had the best average attendance, viz., seventy-five, and Robertson Lodge the poorest, viz., eight and one-third. It also shows that Alpha Lodge had the largest amount of arrearages in dues, amounting to \$693.45, and that Zeredatha Lodge had the lowest amount of unpaid dues, viz., fifty cents, and that the following lodges report no arrears, viz. : Doric No. 424, Georgiana, Markham Union, St. Andrews, Wilson, York and Zeta.

VISITATIONS.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto : During the year I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge twice, first in November, when the election of officers took place, and the second time in the month of May. On both occasions I witnessed the conferring the first degree by the Master and officers of the lodge, and I have very much pleasure in testifying to the efficient manner in which the immediate Past Master of the lodge, Bro. Pearson, and the present Master, Bro. Edmonds, conduct the business of the lodge. I also take pleasure in stating that the floor wook, and the work of each of the officers was well done. The best of feeling prevailed at the election, and the lodge thus far has had a prosperous year. The books are admirably kept and Bro. F. M. Bell-Smith makes a model Secretary. The lodge is, I am told, the Masonic birth-place of my illustrious predecessor, R. W. Bro. Tait, and those who know him as a ritualist and the excellent character of his work will not be surprised to learn that in his lodge there are many that run him closely in the matter of the work of the lodge as exemplified in the various degrees. This is the oldest and at the same time one of the best lodges in the district, and amongst its Past Masters I find among many other distinguished names that of V. W. Bro. Rose, *The Craftsman's* able editor. Here

too is to be found the name of one, whom to know is to highly respect, Amelius Irving, who recently received at the hands of the brother members of his lodge such a reception as but few are privileged to have accorded them. It was on the occasion of his 50th anniversary in Masonry. I understand he is the oldest of its Past Masters. I have every reason to believe that this lodge will ever keep up its enviable record throughout the future as it has done in the past.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto: In company with R. W. Bro. Tait I visited this lodge once before I was confirmed in my seat as D. D. G. M., and again on the 9th May I visited it a second time when W. Bro. Aubrey White, the W. M. of the lodge, and his officers initiated a candidate in a highly creditable manner. The attendance of the membership was small and this was a regrettable circumstance, for the excellency of the work merited a much better audience, at least from the members of the lodge. The W. M. explained to me that the smallness in the number was largely caused by the fact that my intended visit was not known to the membership, notice thereof having through some mistake been omitted from the ordinary monthly circular. I found, however, that the lodge was in a healthy condition, was doing good work, that the members thereof were working together in unity and harmony, that the books were creditable, not only to the lodge, but the officers in charge thereof, and that everything gave promise of King Solomon keeping well to the front and doing its fair share in upholding the reputation of the Craft in the Toronto District. On looking over the register of this lodge I noticed among the names of many eminent brethren those of two Past Grand Masters, viz., M. W. Bro. Spry, and M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson. I find also there enrolled the name of one who during some three or four years of close association in Masonic work greatly endeared himself to me, as to all others of his association. He is now stricken low by the dread hand of disease, and has for many months past patiently suffered under the afflicting hand of the Great Architect of the Universe. I am sure when I mention the name of V. W. Bro. Gardiner, there will be in the minds of all the one opinion, viz., that to all of us he has proved himself a Mason ever true.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: Upon special invitation I visited this lodge at an emergency meeting convened for the purpose of doing honor and saying good-bye to the then popular District Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Dr. Percival, on the eve of his leaving Canada to take up his residence in the

United States, and although there was no degree work done that night, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Clubine, opened and closed the lodge with the assistance of his officers very accurately in the three degrees. There was a large attendance of the membership and brethren from adjacent lodges, and after the work of the evening in the lodge was performed, a most pleasurable and pleasant time was spent by all of us round the festive board, all joining in wishing God speed to our brother who was leaving us to the regret of everyone. This lodge, in the early part of my year, suffered a severe loss in the removal from Richmond Hill to Eglington of the Worshipful Master thereof. The books are now neatly kept and the outlook is favorable.

Ionic Lodge, No. 23, Toronto: I was present at the meeting of this lodge on the 4th of December at the installation of their officers by R. W. Bro. William Roaf, which ceremony was creditably performed in R. W. Bro. Roaf's very best style. On reaching the door of the lodge, and seeing the chairs of the immediate Past Master, the Senior Warden and the Secretary filled by old-time school fellows, and those of the Junior Warden and Worshipful Master by members of my own profession whom I have favorably known for very many years, it carried me back in retrospect from middle life to the days of my very early manhood. Ionic is particularly fortunate in having in its chief positions of trust W. Bros. Eakins and Armour and Bros. Aylesworth, Shepley and Brown; nor could they have been more fortunate in the choice of a Treasurer than when they selected Very W. Bro. Postlethwaite thereof. Without being invidious I may be permitted to say that the system adopted by him in keeping the treasurer's books commended itself to me as the best I had observed during my year of office. My second official visit took place on the 4th day of June last, when I examined the books of the Secretary and found them accurately and, I was going to say, perfectly kept; in any event, I found none better kept than those of Bro. Brown. I then also had the pleasure of seeing the work in the third degree done by the new officers of the lodge in a manner that did W. Bro. Eakins, his Wardens, Stewards and other officers the highest credit. On the 5th March this lodge favored its membership and friends with a most successful "At Home," when M. W. Bro. White and other prominent members of Grand Lodge were present. It was with extreme regret that I found my inability to be present thereat, owing to the fact that, before knowing of the intended "At Home" I had made my arrangements to officially visit the lodge at

Sharon on the same evening. I heard, however, from many who had the pleasure of being present that a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. On looking over the register I noticed the name of M. W. Bro. Kerr, who many years ago presided over the Craft in this Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple : This lodge is an old one and apparently a prosperous one with a good membership. My visit to it was on the 5th February. It was the first of four official visits during the exceedingly cold weather of February, and at the same time exceptionally bad roads prevailed throughout the country. My recollection is that the thermometer then stood at about 32° below zero, and notwithstanding these facts, although no doubt the membership was smaller by reason thereof, still the attendance was good and a number of brethren were present who had travelled some four or five miles in order to be on hand, which to my mind speaks volumes for their love and fealty to the Craft, for men who would face a night such as that was must be lovers of Masonry in a high degree. The lodge-room is a pleasant one, is well furnished, and I am told is free from the iacumbrance of debt. Their being no candidate for initiation, passing or raising, I requested the W. M. to open and close the lodge in the three degrees, which ceremonies were satisfactorily performed by him and his officers.

Rehoboth Lodge, No. 65, Toronto : On looking over the register I find this to be the Masonic home of R. W. Bro. Nixon who throughout the year gave me the benefit of his wise counsel whenever appealed to, and also that of the popular Grand Registrar of the Craft for this year, R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs. I first visited the lodge on the 6th of December when I had the pleasure of witnessing the election of officers and of seeing one whom I have favorably known for many years unanimously elected to the chair, in the person of W. Bro. D. D. Grierson, and on the 2nd of May following I again was present thereat and was equally pleased to see the excellent manner in which the W. M. and the officers of the lodge did the work pertaining to the initiatory degree. Bro. McCurrah is not excelled anywhere in the district in keeping the books of a lodge. During the year this lodge has been put to some considerable trouble and annoyance by one of its Past Masters, who took occasion to appeal to me from the action of the lodge in the matter of a certain application for membership therein, and while I held that the brother appealing was right in so far as the action of the lodge being irregular was concerned, still I could not help but be impressed with the fact that the lodge and all

its members had acted in the very best of good faith, and that the brother appealing carried his protest to an extent not justified by the facts or the gravity of the charge. I am told that my final deliverence in the matter is not satisfactory to him, and yet I feel that if he brings it before the attention of the Grand Lodge, as he threatens to do, Grand Lodge will give me credit for doing my best in the interest of the harmony of the lodge and of the well-being of the Craft ; at least, such is the hope I entertain.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto : On the 3rd of December I first officially visited this lodge, and then witnessed the ceremony of one brother being passed and two raised to the sublime degree of a Master mason, by W. Bro. Young and the immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Mathews. I again paid an official visit on the 6th of May and saw the W. Master initiate a candidate. This lodge is well officered in every respect. It has been doing splendid work this year. It appears to be in the very forefront of Toronto Masonry. It is in good financial condition. Its books are well kept. I am sure that its future will be brilliant, as very much of its past has been. Owing to the fact that I was paying my final official visit for the year, which took me to Schomberg, a long way from the city, I was unable to be at the Past Masters' and old members' reunion of this lodge on the 3rd of last month. It was one of the pleasures of the year that was denied me, and when I was told of the excellent manner in which the work was exemplified by those who in years gone by were successfully honored by their brethren of the lodge, and of the very pleasurable time spent together in the best interests of the Order we love, I need hardly say that my feelings of regret at my enforced absence were greatly magnified. I trust that at some future day, and on a similar occasion, I may meet in fraternal council with the Past Masters and old members of St. John's Lodge, and that when summoned from this sublunary abode we each may meet in holy communion with our lately lamented brother, R. W. Bro. Menet, who in days now gone by forever was wont to give and receive genial and fraternal greetings mid the brethren of St. John's, whose one time Master beloved he was privileged to be.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86 : Conspicuous among the membership of this lodge is to be found the name of R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, a name familiar to those of us who are now in middle age, ever since our early boyhood, and when on the 19th of February last I officially visited the lodge, on the occasion of the reunion of its Past Masters, it gave me pleasure not a little

to witness this old man eloquently demonstrate the fact, that notwithstanding the many engrossing calls upon his time by reason of the important official position he holds in the Province, he still found time to don the Mason's apron and wield the Mason's gavel as vigorously as if he were once more in his early manhood, for on that occasion, after two initiations had been efficiently performed by W. Bro. Herbert and his fellow officers, their chairs were vacated and R. W. Bro. Tully and the Past Masters of the lodge then in an admirable manner exemplified the initiatory degree. I take pleasure in congratulating W. Bro. Herbert upon the excellency of his work, upon the admirable condition in which I found his lodge and upon his good fortune in being possessed of a good Secretary whose books do him and his lodge credit.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87: On the 8th of February last I met with the brethren of this old land mark in Masonry, which is the Masonic home of Very W. Bro. Vanzant, who is one of the best known members of Grand Lodge hailing from this District. The lodge is fortunate in the possession of a most painstaking Master in the person of W. Bro. Dr. Fierheller, who opened and closed his lodge in the various degrees in a most creditable manner. The other officers of the lodge, with possibly one exception, did their work very well. Markham Union Lodge need have no fear for the future as long as she exercises the care she appears to have done in the past in the selection of her officers. Amongst those present on the occasion was the first initiate of the lodge W. Bro. Corson, who is now, masonically speaking, one of the fathers of Israel, and W. Bro. Speight, one of its early Past Masters, and although the roads were in a horrible state and the weather cold, W. Bro. Farewell was there all the way from Unionville, and assisted with the exercises throughout the evening, which indicated that he had lost none of his old-time ardor for the work that he so efficiently rendered when in the chair. Markham Union Lodge is all right.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97: I paid my official visit to this lodge on Tuesday the 5th of March. The attendance was only fair. The work of the evening was the opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees, and I take this opportunity of saying to the lodge that it is fortunate in being possessed of an excellent Worshipful Master in the person of Bro. Milne, who, on the occasion, did his work well. Very W. Bro. Borngasser is a member of this lodge, and although of late he has not been a frequent attender thereof, it was a pleasure for me to see him in his Masonic home, for whenever you meet

him whether in his own lodge or not, you find in him an enthusiastic Mason and a well informed one. The same evening I had the pleasure of meeting at Sharon, one of my predecessors in this office, R. W. Bro. Col. Wayling. This lodge is not as prosperous as it ought to be, although there are many good men to be found within its portals. There have been some unhappy differences in the past that have resulted in separating the brethren in no small measure. During the year one of the Past Masters thereof appealed to me against the action of the lodge in suspending him from membership therein, and while I held that the procedure of the lodge in the matter occasioning the appeal was irregular, I took occasion of my official visit, shortly after rendering my decision to that effect, to endeavor to patch up the differences which is one that exists between two Past Masters of the lodge, but in this I signally failed. Without saying who is to blame, I could not but feel that there was a great want of forbearance and true brotherly spirit manifested. It is the sincere wish of the Master of the lodge to heal these differences in Sharon, which have existed for some three or four years past, and which has resulted in the loss to the lodge of membership therein of at least one of its most distinguished Past Masters as well as others. His efforts thus far have not been crowned with that success that they deserved, for I find that in the case of the said appeal to me another trial is now in progress. May the Supreme Ruler of the Universe kindly direct these brethren in to the way of emerging from all their differences is the sincere wish of the District Deputy of this year, and I am sure that in this I am joined by all the brethren of the District.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98: In so far as this district is concerned, this is our baby lodge, having been consigned last year by Grand Lodge to our careful care and attention, although it is a lodge of many years standing. On the 3rd of May I paid my official visit to it. The officers and members of the lodge are very largely from the country district surrounding Bolton, and the season of the year being the busiest possible with farmers, the attendance was on the small side, although the chief officers were in their respective chairs, having each of them travelled many miles in order to be with us. The Master and his officers did the work necessary to opening and closing the lodge in the third degree in a creditable manner, and on the Senior Warden being called upon to give his lecture, he rendered it in such a manner that left nothing to be desired, for it could not have been much better given. Speaking from a rural standpoint I think the prospects of this lodge are of a most promising kind.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99 : This is one of our best rural lodges, and little wonder when we find that the critical ritualist and Masonically learned brother, R. W. Bro. Brunton, is one of its adopted and most active children. An account of my visit to this lodge on the occasion of holding the Lodge of Instruction is heretofore given where I speak of the excellent manner in which the officers of the lodge do their work and which it is not necessary for me to repeat here. W. Bro. McCormick appears to have his lodge well in hand. I had not the pleasure of meeting the immediate Past Master Rev. Bro. Farncomb, who was necessarily absent on the occasion in question, but I did have the pleasure of meeting there one whom I first met on the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in the city of Ottawa, and to which body he was the accredited representative from Tuscan. I found him here in the Secretary's chair, and noted with pleasure that his books were just as well kept as those of any of the secretaries of the city lodges, all of whom appear to particularly pride themselves on the neatness and accuracy of their books. I trust that the lodge may long be able to avail itself of its services in the Secretary's chair. He made an excellent Master. He makes an excellent Secretary. In looking over the books of the lodge for the year before, I found that his predecessor in office, Bro. Danford Roche, too appeared to do his full duty thereby and therein.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg : My last official visitation was to this Lodge and took place on the third ult. I had appointed a much earlier date therefore, but owing to the fact that the roads were almost impassable and rain pouring all day, with the consent of the W. M. it was postponed until the aforesaid date, when in company with V.W. Bro. Charles, of Rising Sun, the Master and the J. W. thereof, I drove from Aurora and was welcomed by a fair attendance of the membership. In order to reach and return from this lodge one has to undertake, after leaving the train, a journey of some twenty-eight or thirty miles over a hilly road. It is the most difficult lodge to reach in the whole district, but when one gets there he is amply repaid in the receipt of a most cordial and fraternal greeting from the brethren, who are in possession of a lodge of their own, well furnished and well equipped in every particular. The annual elections took place in my presence and a commendable spirit of rivalry relieved the evening from that monotony that sometimes prevails at elections, where, as sometimes happens, it is generally understood beforehand who the brothers are that in all likelihood will be elected to the various offices. The late

Master of the lodge has been elected to that position for several years hand running, and the newly elected Master has also occupied the chair for several terms, so that the proper government, direction and superintendence of the lodge is assured for at least another twelve months. The work of the evening, in addition to the election of officers, was opening and closing in the three degrees, and on the whole this was fairly well done in view of the fact that but few opportunities present themselves in this rural section of the district of exemplifying the degree work. The accessions to the membership are not frequent, but on the other hand those elected to membership are of the best class. Union, I find, is exceedingly scrupulous in this respect. It does not appear to me there is much prospect for a large growth here although the lodge holds its own in a remarkable degree, which fact I think is very largely owing to the active interest taken in the well-being of the lodge by its officers from time to time. Conspicuous among them, Bro. Brereton, whom I had the pleasure of meeting here for the first time, although I had often heard from others of the services rendered by him to the Craft.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora : On the 10th of April I found myself with the brethren of this lodge, which was then ably presided over by W. B. Nicol, and who has now as its presiding officer its then J. W., W. Bro. Taylor, who on the said occasion excellently rendered the lecture of the Junior Warden. There were present a considerable number of visiting brethren, amongst whom was R. W. Bro. Brunton, who, after the work proper of the evening was performed, (which consisted of opening and closing the lodge in the several degrees in good form, and my examination of several of the officers as to their respective duties), delivered a lecture upon the manner of conducting a Board of Trial, which was most instructive and was greatly appreciated by the brethren present. There was also present with us V. W. Bro. Charles; who is a member of the lodge, and who is one of the Grand Lodge officers of this year, and I am told that the lodge owes very much of its proficiency to his efforts in the past. The Secretary at that time is now its J. W., and I am sure will do credit to that chair, while in the S. W. chair is one who renders the lecture of the S. W. in a manner that leaves nothing to be wished for.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville : Now I come to my own lodge, and it is with considerable diffidence that I approach the task of criticizing it, the officers thereof and their work. My desire was to pay it my first official visit, but in

this laudable object I was prevented, first, by reason of the fact of the protest entered against my election, which for a considerable time prevented my entering upon the discharge of my duties, and later on by the absence in California of its Worshipful Master. I only succeeded in being present at one of its meetings throughout the year, although I had intended paying a second visit. I take infinite pleasure in saying that this is one of our most prosperous rural lodges now, although it is in the recollection of all of us that, in the not remote past, it was one of the least promising, if not the least. Owing to the efforts of R. W. Bennet, when the representative of the Grand Master in the district, the lodge was put on a good footing by the introduction into its membership of W. Bro. Bond, of Toronto Junction, and V. W. Bro. Gardner, of Toronto. From that time dates its recent prosperity. During the years of its troubled past the lodge was indebted in a very large measure to W. Bro. Wm. Todd, who zealously adhered to his post throughout the varying changes of success and non-success, his experience being greater, for the most part, with the latter stage rather than the former in his Masonic relations as far as his mother lodge was concerned, and it must be a source of pride to him and Bro. McCarthy and others of the old guard, that Richardson Lodge is at last well upon its feet again. During the year it has been fortunate in the possession of W. Bro. Oronhyatekha as its presiding officer, for he has been indefatigable in his efforts to promote the success of the lodge and has spared neither time nor money in the consummation thereof. His conduct in that direction was so thoroughly appreciated by the brethren that he was offered unanimous re-election when he laid down the gavel a few days ago, and which is now most worthily held by W. Bro. Button, who both as J. W. and S. W. proved himself to be a most exemplary ritualist and painstaking officer. During the year, very largely owing to the bounty of the W. M., much of the furniture and regalia of the lodge has been renewed, and it is now one of the best furnished lodges in the neighborhood thereof. A very prominent feature of the year, as far as the members of this lodge were concerned, was the remarkable manner in which they worked the fourth degree and the frequency of the working thereof. On the occasion of my visit, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Collins, which took place on the 12th of December last, a brother was initiated into the lodge in a most exceptional manner, and in this connection I cannot refrain from individualizing next to the excellency of the work of the chair, that of the J. W., Bro. Shenkle. I take

pleasure in saying to the brethren of this my own lodge, that their work is as well done as we ordinarily see it done in the district. I wish to add further that the lodge during the year was greatly indebted to R. W. Bro. Collins and W. Bro. S. D. Todd, of Zeredatha, for kindly and opportune assistance rendered.

York Lodge, No. 156, North Toronto: This is a most promising lodge. I paid it my first visit on the 21st of December last, the occasion being that of the installation of its officers by R. W. Bro. Fisher, who proved himself to be a most efficient installing officer. On looking over the record of attendance at its various convocations, I find the Past Masters have been most regular in responding to the summons of their lodge. I witnessed several of them take part in the work, and I am pleased to bear testimony to their efficiency. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Robertson, is well skilled and has his lodge under good control. The occasion of my last visit was on the 19th of February, when it was expected that there would be a brother raised to the third degree, but in this the lodge was disappointed. In addition to the opening and the closing ceremonies in the several degrees I contented myself with asking for the lecture for the S. W. which was thereupon most admirably given, after which, the evening being still young, I addressed a few words to the lodge on the lessons taught by the five points of fellowship, it being my usual custom throughout the year that where there was no degree to be performed, to address the brethren upon one or other of the beautiful lessons taught in poetic language by the work of the ritual in the various degrees. I might just add that the opening and closing ceremonies in the last two degrees and the closing in the first degree in my opinion, could not well have been improved upon. On both occasions I had the pleasure of fraternizing with W. Bro. Norris, whose efforts in behalf of this lodge have been of the most disinterested character and of the greatest profit. I would be failing in my duty where I to neglect mentioning the fact that Bro. Brooks makes a good Secretary, for I found his books well kept.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: This lodge has been suffering for a year or two past largely occasioned by the sudden demise of its Secretary, Bro. Spence. It has been, ever since that sad event, endeavoring to get matters straightened out, and I think, under the able management of its present W. M., has very largely succeeded in effecting that object, although as a matter of fact, its treasury has been largely

depleted, and that too through no fault of the lodge itself. On the 10th of December I witnessed the installation of its officers by R. W. Bro. Tait, and it is needless for me to say that the work of the evening was well done. On the 13th of May I paid the lodge a second visit, when I was favored with an initiation by the W. M. (who is an efficient craftsman), and the other officers of the lodge. The presiding brother loses no time in getting through the work of the evening, and even in the work of the fourth degree prompt action seems to be his motto, ever present. He and the lodge are blessed with a good Secretary in the person of Bro. Wilson. Early in the year the W. M. appointed a committee composed of W. Bro. Baird and others to revise the by-laws of the lodge, which I may say greatly needed revision, and as a result a new set of by-laws were drafted, recommended by myself, and finally approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, which, I may be permitted to say, area credit to the revising committee of the lodge, and will ever remain in the archives thereof as a monument of their wisdom and diligence.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: Now, as I reach Uxbridge, the home of my choice, I meet with Zeredatha Lodge, my mother in Masonry. I am no longer a member of the lodge, and, in fact, never was an active member thereof, although some twelve or thirteen years ago its J. W., the functions of which office I so very indifferently performed that in justice to myself and the lodge I thought best to refuse further promotion therein, so I feel no diffidence whatever in criticizing its officers and the work done by them, and I approach that pleasing duty feeling that I owe very much more to Zeredatha than Zeredatha owes to me. Little wonder, that being deprived the pleasure of my first visit to my own lodge, that I selected Zeredatha in lieu thereof. During the fifteen years that have elapsed since my entrance into Masonry, I have heard this lodge spoken of in the most flattering terms by those who have preceded me in office, and on glancing over the reports for some years past and seeing the laudatory manner in which this lodge is referred to, I think I might almost rest content with saying that, in my opinion, judging from the work I have seen done there this year, that such praises were well merited. Upon the occasion of my visit on the 12th of November, the then W. M., Bro. Crosby, who, by the way, was one of the best Masters that ever presided in the chair of the lodge, with the assistance of his officers, passed a candidate to the second degree. On the 27th of December following, I did myself the pleasure of being present at the

installation of the newly-elected officers, which ceremony was also witnessed by R. W. Bro. Judge Dartnell, of Whitby, a very old friend of the lodge, and the functions of which office were most admirably performed by W. Bro Hardy, than whom no better Master has ever filled the chair of a Masonic lodge in the district or outside the confines thereof. His memory is never failing and his execution is admirable. I think these words of praise are not only due to him but due his lodge as well. Bro. Vickers presides most efficiently at the Secretary's desk, and his books bear evidence of his careful thought and attention. The present W. M., Bro. Hardy Johnston, made a good Warden, and I feel sure, although I have not seen his work, makes a good Master. I find the books of Bro. Boyd, who for many years has presided over the treasury of the lodge, admirably kept, and indicate that no improper inroads will ever be made upon the treasury with his consent. After the installation proceedings were over, the brethren most acceptably entertained their friends in large numbers at their annual At Home.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: I paid one of my earliest visits to this lodge and the brethren of Brampton, namely on the 4th of December, when I saw the first initiation of the year take place with the W. M. Bro. McFadden in the chair, and the Master elect, Bro. Hastie in the S. W. Chair. Considering that this was the first opportunity afforded the W. M., through no fault of his own, to do any degree work, it was exceptionally well done by him, and therein he was well supported by his officers. On looking over the register I found that a great deal of blackballing had recently taken place in this lodge, and I felt constrained to say to the members of the lodge that there was grievous fault in this respect to be laid at the door of some of the brethren of the lodge, for one thing was patent to me, either men who were not fit subjects for proposition had been proposed for membership, or being in every way fit to become Masons, had been black-balled (one or the other), for some unaccountable and I feared unmasonic reasons, and I am free to confess, that judging as far as we can from the professions and occupations followed by them, and their standing in the community in which they lived, one not knowing them personally would be led to think them worthy. I sincerely trust that, in justice to the new officers of the lodge, and to the lodge as a whole, that the custom of black-balling that seems to have been in vogue in this lodge in the immediate past will not be followed at least to the same extent in the future, for I feel satisfied that the officers-elect are of the very best material to

be found in the lodge, and will do it credit in the work of the year, if permitted. The installation of officers took place after I left, as I had to leave early in order to get my train taking me back to the city. W. Bro. Morton appears to be the right man in the right place at the Secretary's desk. This lodge in the early portion of the winter held a most successful "At Home," which owing to an official visitation to one of the other lodges I was unable to attend, much to my chagrin and disappointment.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: After disappointing this lodge twice, very much to my own regret, and to the mortification of the brethren thereof, I at last succeeded in visiting it on the 4th of April, and was well rewarded inasmuch as I was greeted by a large audience, and nowhere had the privilege of seeing the work better done in the whole district than I saw it done in the exemplification of the first degree by W. Bro. McKnight and his officers. The W. M. is most impressive when addressing himself to the candidate, and in this respect he appears to have stamped this excellent characteristic of his upon all his officers. Every office in the gift of the Lodge is filled by a stalwart Mason, who without exception appears to know and does perform his work admirably. The books of the lodge indicate that R. W. Bro. Blackwood and Bro. Pearson do the work that pertain to the respective offices of Treasurer and Secretary in good form. Rich in the treasury, fortunate in the regularity of the attendance of its membership, and happy in the possession of Past Masters that retain a lively interest therein, Ashlar's future is assured.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: This lodge is small in numbers and it is not increasing as one could wish, although well officered. On the evening of my visit, which was the 7th of March, after the W. M. (who is a medical man) had everything prepared to go on with the work, and just as we were about starting the proceedings of the evening, he was called several miles distant from the village to attend an urgent case of severe illness, but I am assured by those who have seen him do his work that he is well conversant with the duties of his office. On the evening in question W. Bro. Bates, at one time the popular and genial Chaplain of the district, took the chair, and at my request opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees, and did so in such a manner as to indicate that, in going out of the chair, he had not forgotten any of the duties thereof. He did his work well, and on looking over the Secretary's books which are now in his hands, I take pleasure in saying that he fills all the requirements of that office in the

performance of the duties thereby imposed upon him. Were it not for his energetic and untiring efforts on behalf of the lodge, I would fear for its future, but while he remains stationed at Thornhill I feel certain that the banner of Free and Accepted Masonry will ever be held aloft by the brethren of that portion of the district, unsullied and unstained.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Brougham: One of my predecessors spoke of the then Master of this lodge, as a "tiller of the soil," and on my visit thereto on the 13th of February last, I found another brother "tiller of the soil" most acceptably occupying the chair in the East. The night of my visit was intensely cold, and the roads so desperately bad that intending visitors from Markham and other places had to turn back discouraged, and it was with the utmost difficulty that I myself reached my destination. As a result of the adverse circumstances the attendance was not up to the usual mark, although the work of the evening, which consisted in opening in the several degrees, and that too in the absence of one or two of the principal officers of the lodge, was very acceptably performed. W. Bro. Miller, who has attained the foremost position amongst the well-known stock-breeders and importers of the country, although still a young man, gives promise of being as successful in the Masonic field as he has proved to be amongst his fellow-agriculturalists. Bro. Beaton makes a good Secretary. I found his books in good condition.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King: This lodge was handed over to me in the last stages of disintegration, and while it contained two or three active Masons, pre-eminent among them was W. Bro. Dr. Robinson, except for whose active exertions and many sacrifices the lodge would long ago have ceased to exist. Still I found the spirit of the lodge broken and that the few remaining brethren thereof had absolutely lost heart, and to make matters worse, some two or three months ago the mortgage on their hall was foreclosed, and they lost it, although the mortgage did not represent much more than one-third of what it cost them to acquire and build upon the property. The evening of my visit was the 3rd of March, and I was pleased to be greeted upon my arrival by thirteen of the brethren, which, under the adverse circumstances above related, I considered a fair attendance. The W. M. presided in the chair most acceptably and did his work in a proper manner. On looking over the books I found that the members of the lodge were deplorably behind in the payment of their dues, and I concluded that it was to this fact very largely that might be attributed the loss of their lodge.

There were then some twenty-three nominal members of the lodge remaining, and in looking around the lodge-room and its furniture, I found that were a smoking concert on the evening's programme, they were amply fortified in the possession of twenty-three spittoons, which, by the way, comprised a very considerable portion of the furniture of the lodge. One or two of the members residing at the Village of King, some six or seven miles eastward of Nobleton, together with two or three members of other lodges residing thereat, were desirous that, rather than forfeit the warrant, I should remove the lodge from Nobleton, and after a resolution to that effect was carried by the lodge, without any brother having voted against it, although some two or three refrained from voting, and after consultation by correspondence with the Vaughan Lodge, which was the one that would likely be most effected by such removal, I concluded, notwithstanding the protest of the latter, that in the very best interest of the members of the lodge, the district and of the Craft as a whole, my clear duty was to order a removal of the lodge, and I did so and have never since had any reason to regret my action in that regard. By doing so I enlarged the district of Blackwood and True Blue to their slight advantage, no doubt, and to a corresponding extent limited the district of Vaughan, probably to its slight disadvantage, as it results in cutting off in one direction about three and a half miles at most of Vaughan's former territory. I am told, too, that only three or four of the members of Vaughan Lodge have connected or are likely to connect themselves with Robertson Lodge in its new location. I think the best evidence of the wisdom of my act is the fact, that since the removal of the lodge, there have been initiated into membership therein, not to speak of affiliations, new members, and everything indicates that the lodge which is now located in the same district that it formerly was, prior to its removal to Nobleton, is likely to have a most successful career, without to any appreciable extent injuring Vaughan Lodge, which is strong financially as well as in numbers, and I cannot suppress the thought that the action of some of its membership, judging from the correspondence in my possession (a number of the members thereof were favorable to the removal) in protesting against the removal, was prompted by selfish motives, rather than by purely Masonic ones, whereas I think their duty was as great as mine to look not only to what the interest of their lodge individually might be, but what would be best in the interest of the district and the Craft at large, even though in so doing some little sacrifice was necessary on their part. The

lodge, when originally in its present location, but under a different name, was a very prosperous one, and I sincerely trust that my action above recited, which was not determined upon until after consultation with several of my predecessors in office, will not only result in the salvation of the lodge and its warrant, but will prove to be an act of wisdom on my part, and that finally, even the protesting members of Vaughan lodge itself will be constrained to admit that their act of protest and opposition thereto was ill advised. I might just add that there have already been initiated into this lodge since its removal more members, although but a few weeks have passed since the consummation of that act, than were initiated therein for many years past, all told.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: I spent a very pleasant evening with the members of this lodge on the 6th of March, when we were favored with a fair attendance. I am sorry to report that I found the W. M., although fully conversant with and efficient in the performance of the duties of his office, in a poor state of health, and I am sure that Grand Lodge joins with me in the hope that ere long his health may be fully restored to him. Among the members present was the Reeve of the town, W. Bro. Bull, who informed me that in twenty years he had missed but two meetings of his lodge. I do not believe that such a record as this could be equalled in the whole Grand Lodge jurisdiction. In this same lodge I find that another of the Past Masters, who leads an active and busy life, had missed but two meetings in eight years, and yet again that another of the Past Masters, W. Bro. Dr. Charlton, in the first four years of his membership had missed but one night, and that on the occasion of his marriage, for which absention I duly absolved the brother, and in so doing held that the occasion was one of such pressing emergency as would justify his default. These instances of regularity in attendance I am certain could not be excelled anywhere or by any lodge.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: Blackwood has but a limited territory, and while the lodge-room is not of the best, it is fortunate in the possession of expert craftsmen as officers in the persons of its Worshipful Master, its immediate Past Master, its Secretary and others I might mention. The work of the evening was hurriedly done, comprising the opening and closing ceremonies in the three degrees, by reason of the fact that on the same evening was held their annual At Home, but the work was fairly well done and I found the books well kept. The number of members turning out was small, for this was another instance of my official visit-

ing during that terrible February month when the cold was extreme and the roadways and highways so blocked up as resulted in my being shut up at Woodbridge for nearly two days without the possibility of egress therefrom, the date of my visit being the eighth of the month. I was most unfortunate in the choice of this week for having four of my visitations to rural lodges. The entertainment, though for these reasons not extensively patronized, was a most successful and enjoyable At Home. Blackwood is particularly fortunate in the possession of W. Bro. Agar, who is ever animated by the very best principles of the Craft, and appears to be inspired by all the sentiments pictured in the beautiful language found in the entrancing poetry of the ritual. I need hardly say he is a noble type of the Irish race.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto : On April 18th I visited the lodge in company with R. W. Bro. Collins, and was greeted with only a small attendance. Finding upon my arrival that the W. M. was absent owing to a severe attack of illness and that for some unexplained cause or other the J. W. was absent also, but notwithstanding these drawbacks W. Bro. McCartney, who is one of the best skilled members of the Craft in the Metropolis, conducted the initiation proceedings in a highly commendable manner, and received strong support from the officers of the lodge. The books are well kept, for Bro. Pirie is a good Secretary, and no better Treasurer is to be found in the whole of my jurisdiction than V.W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh, who was also present on the occasion. I cannot express adequately my disappointment in not seeing the Master do his work, for I have heard very much of his high qualifications for the office he holds, and these regrets of mine were enhanced, when later on in the year, at the Past Master's re-union of the lodge I listened in admiration to his delivery of the Junior Warden's lecture in a manner that I do not think could be excelled. There is no danger for Doric's future as long as the members thereof are as happy in the selection of its officers as it has been this year. I saw the Past Masters of the lodge do the work thereof in an admirable manner on the evening of the At-Home they gave a few weeks ago in honor of the visit of a large number of the Buffalo brethren and members of Barton Lodge, Hamilton. On that occasion there were present some of the most prominent members of the Craft from the City of Buffalo, whose respective addresses were of a most interesting character, and there was also present thereat His Honor Lt. Col. Kirkpatrick, Governor of the Province, and also one whom we, as Masons, have learned very highly to

regard for his many excellent social and Masonic qualifications in the person of the R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M.P., as well as our equally popular Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason. On this occasion the work of the fourth degree was so entertainingly elaborated and elongated throughout that the dawn of the early morning was commencing to display itself before the brethren could bear to separate and say Good Night.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: My visit to this lodge on the 23rd of November afforded me supreme pleasure. This lodge is a congregation of well developed stalwarts in Masonry, a fine looking body of men, many of whom we are continually meeting at the cross roads and in the byways as well as in the larger centers of population throughout the length and breadth of this province, and of the other provinces as well. W Bro. Anderson is well supported by his immediate Past Master, Bro. Kappel, his Senior Warden, Bro. McPherson, his Junior Warden, Bro. McCabe, by V. W. Bro. O'Hara at the treasury, and Bro. Angus at the Secretary's desk, and indeed by all his officers, amongst whom I found His Worship the Mayor, Bro. Warring Kennedy, as Director of Ceremonies, who introduced me to the lodge and whom I had the pleasure of seeing initiated into Masonry during my visit thereto on a former occasion, shortly before my election to the chair of the district. At my first official visit aforesaid I witnessed an initiation by the officers of the lodge of last year, and on the occasion of my second visit by those of this year, the Master on the previous occasion being ably assisted in the work of the chair by R. W. Bro. Malone, who is a prominent and popular member of this lodge, and on that occasion I was present and witnessed a spirited contest engaged in for the filling of some of the chairs of the officers of the lodge for the present year. It almost goes without saying that the work of this lodge is well done. The occasion of my second visit was on the 26th February, and on the following evening I had the pleasure of being present at their At-Home, and hasten to bear testimony to their having sustained their well known reputation for entertaining their friends with the sweetest of music, the choicest of edibles and the most entrancing programme for those who are wont to indulge in the dance. During the year the hand of death has been severe to them in the removal from their fraternal circle of W. Bro. Slatter, whose memory they recently honored by according to him a Masonic funeral which was largely attended by the Craft.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: I was greeted with a

large attendance on paying my visit to this lodge, past which sluggishly flow the turbid waters of the Don, on April the 2nd, when Bro. Bailey and his officers treated the assembled brethren to first-class work in the initiation of a candidate. More than this I cannot say, except to add that the books of the Secretary, Bro. Tolhurst, do him and his lodge infinite credit, and possibly to add further that they are all a jolly good lot of fellows when assembled round the festive board. With such a membership Orient need have no fear; in such hands its future is secure. On the 31st of January I spent with the brethren of this lodge a most pleasurable evening at their annual entertainment which was in the nature of an At Home.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: This lodge I found in a fully worse condition than Robertson, if that could be, and when I paid it my official visit, although my coming was duly announced and the night was favorable, I was received by the smallest audience with which I was greeted in any of my official visitations, comprising as it did only six souls, one of whom was a member of an adjacent lodge. The meeting was convened for the special purpose of taking into consideration what was best to be done with the warrant of the lodge in the interest of the members thereof. The Master, W. Bro. Wilson, who is a most enthusiastic and painstaking Mason, was in the chair, and did the work of opening and closing the lodge in the first degree in a satisfactory manner, and his Wardens, too, appeared to be conversant with their duties. In addition to this I found the lodge in possession of a good Secretary in the person of W. Bro. Tremaine, and a good adviser and regular attender in the person of W. Bro. Dr. Bentley. My first recollection of this lodge, extending only over a period of say a dozen years, carried me back to the time I first had the gratification of fraternizing with its membership when its career was most prosperous and its future most promising; but the scene had lamentably changed in the interval, so that now, at the first meeting for the year, and although possessed of good officers, I came to its portals again only to witness its deplorable condition. I learned, too, that it was largely in debt to Grand Lodge, and indeed had no voice thereat last year by reason of that indebtedness. When there, my mind recurred to the unhappy condition in which my own lodge, Richardson, was some four or five years ago, when I entered its shattered and decaying family circle, and remembering that it was built up, resuscitated and again put upon its feet with the assistance of outside help from Toronto, I suggested to the brethren that such an experiment be tried in

this case, but they feared that, owing to the distance from the city and the means of access thereto not being the best, it would not be well to make the trial; however, all of them were anxious to retain their membership, not only with the Craft, but in connection with their own Georgina, and thereupon they passed a unanimous resolution requesting me to consent to the removal of the lodge to the City of Toronto, where, with the aid of some brethren there and then suggested who had kindly proffered their assistance, they thought the fortunes of the lodge might be re-built and that it might again enter upon a successful career, and although I recognized that it was a long distance to move a lodge, still I felt that I could do so without doing violence either to the letter or the spirit of the Constitution, and without doing any injury to any of the city lodges, in view of the fact that I had the knowledge before me that all the city lodges consented some years ago, when the population of the city was forty or fifty thousand less than it is to-day, that another warrant issue, in order to have a lodge in the north-west portion of the city, in which district Georgina is now located with W. Bro. Whale as its newly-elected Worshipful Master, who does the work of the chair very efficiently and who is supported by a staff of well skilled Masons filling the various offices. I had the pleasure of officially visiting it again at its first meeting after its resurrection, namely, on the 6th day of last month, and of seeing five new members initiated into the Craft through its agency, and I am pleased to find that, notwithstanding some little adverse criticism which appeared in a couple of newspapers some weeks ago of my action in removing the lodge, the latter is well received and the officers thereof cordially treated by its sister lodges in the city. I refrained from a public refutation of such adverse criticism appearing as it did in the ordinary newspapers of the city, which I do not think is the proper place to discuss such matters, and I felt that with the lapse of time I would be speedily and completely vindicated. My critics in this respect were lamentably wanting in a knowledge of the facts, for on reading their letters of complaint I find they appeared to be under the impression that certain city members of the Craft went out to Sutton and outvoted the old members of Georgina when the resolution for the removal of the lodge was submitted, than which nothing could be further from the truth. In said letters it was also stated that the lodge was being nursed and fostered by members of the Craft belonging to a certain other organization therein named, and of which the writer happens to be an active

member, whereas the fact is that there were only three members of the organization referred to in Georgina, and not one of the aforesaid lately initiated brethren is a member of that organization. In any event I have the consciousness of knowing that I was inspired in my action, in the premises, by the purest motives, and only with a view to the well being of Georgina and the promotion of the best interests of the Craft in the district, and I feel sure that those who know me best will give me credit therefor. I take pleasure in adding that since the removal of the lodge thirteen have been initiated into membership therein out of the very best material the city affords, five others have passed the ballot therefor, and their large debt has been entirely liquidated, much additional furniture purchased, and there is now a cash balance of some \$200 to the credit of its bank account. This lodge has also the distinction of having within its members three Right Worshipful brethren who have had the honor of filling the chair in the district now occupied by me.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: This is one of the best working lodges in the city and in the district. It is fortunate in having as Worshipful Master the efficient Secretary of the district, Bro. Donovan, who is now filling his second term of the chair at the behest of his brethren, which speaks in trumpet tones of the strong position he holds in the affections of the members of his lodge. It gave a very successful "At Home" early in the year which owing to a business engagement I was prevented from attending, but shortly thereafter I visited the lodge officially, viz., on the 15th day of December, and had the pleasure of witnessing one being initiated, two passed and four raised, which was surely work enough for one night in all conscience. The work in all the degrees was well done. On the 20th of March I again visited this lodge and again witnessed the Worshipful Master and the officers of his lodge raise a brother to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in admirable form. The lodge in addition to having well skilled Wardens had efficient officers in the persons of the Treasurer and Secretary, and indeed in so far as I was able to judge in all other officers of the lodge.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: This is one of our best rural lodges, nicely situated and comfortably circumstanced in every way in so far as a visitor could judge. Having known the members thereof for many years, or rather a large portion of them, I know its membership to be composed of the very best men in the community. The work of the evening assigned to them by me was the opening and closing in the

three degrees, and I am glad to bear testimony to the fact that in doing the work the officers, from the Master W. Bro. Foster down, proved themselves well conversant therewith, and with all its requirements. W. Bro. Foster is an enthusiastic Mason and deserves credit at the hands of the brethren, which is always readily accorded him, for his painstaking efforts and regularity of attendance in the interest of Brock Lodge which, by the way, made no mistake in the choice of a Secretary when they elected to that onerous office Bro. Sharpe, who is one of the oldest and most respected Masons in that part of the District. I found the books admirably kept, and everything indicated to me while there, and afterwards while at the festive board, that the lodge is performing its functions in a creditable manner and the brethren are exemplifying the principles of the Order in their daily walk and conversation throughout the community in which they live.

River Park Lodge, No. 353, Streetsville: This was the only case in which I had to ask a lodge to summon an emergency meeting in order that I might have the privilege of officially visiting them, which I had the pleasure of doing on the 22nd of May, and which emergency meeting was occasioned by the fact of the train that was to have taken me to Streetsville on the 9th of the month previous, having met with such obstructions in its roadbed as to prevent its arrival in the goodly town of Streetsville until hours after the meeting of the lodge had dispersed. This appears to be a prosperous lodge and to be well officered. W. Bro. McClung is an efficient officer in every way. The attendance on the occasion of my visit was good, and the work of opening and closing the lodge in the several degrees was well done.

St. George Lodge, No 367, Toronto: I am sorry that in making my report upon this lodge I cannot adopt as my own the language of R. W. Bro. Collins in saying: "That feeling of turbulent agitation which once possessed the lodge has happily passed away and the best of feeling prevails," for I found it otherwise. There are no two brothers in the whole district that have had my sympathy in larger measure than the present W. M. of this lodge and the immediate P. M. thereof. Those who know these brethren are well aware that few are better capable of doing credit to the chair than W. Bro. Howse and W. Bro. Phillips, and yet, notwithstanding this fact, the former, I understand, was not permitted the privilege of initiating a single candidate into the lodge during his tenure of office, and Bro. Phillips has only had the opportunity of so doing once thus far in his year; and speaking of them as I do,

I might go on in the same manner and speak of Bro. Denton and Bro. Thompson, who fill the respective Warden's chairs, of Bro. Bell, the Treasurer, and Bro. Murdock, the Secretary, etc., etc., for all are highly reputable and efficient. Unhappily, as a legacy of last year and as a result of the direction of Grand Lodge, an unpleasant trial had to take place in reference to Bro. McPherson, of the lodge, which trial was an irritation to the lodge, but from this I think it has happily recovered. Early in the year a protest was entered against the election of the S. W.; a new election was ordered, and as a result the S. W. was confirmed in his seat, so that I think practically all the trouble that arose therefrom and was threatened thereby has disappeared. And yet, notwithstanding these facts, the brethren appear to be afraid, and indeed openly say so, to propose any of their friends for membership in the lodge, in other words, there appears to be two parties in the lodge of almost equal numbers, at arms length from one another in their sympathies, which is a most unfortunate and regrettable circumstance. I met with them on two occasions, and was greeted with large audiences, the first occasion being on the 7th of December, when I witnessed the installation of its officers, with the exception of the S. W., by Bro. Malone, in a most impressive manner. My second visit was on the 7th of last month, and while there the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in an admirable manner. This lodge has the virtue of turning out in large numbers, and if these unhappy differences that have arisen among the brethren could be effectually and eternally buried, I believe that the lodge would be one of the most prosperous in Toronto, while as a matter of fact its treasury is now suffering because of the non-accession of new blood, and the members individually, and the lodge collectively, are drooping and downcast in spirit simply because as yet no way out of their difficulties has been found. I trust the required remedy will soon be applied. The lodge suffered a severe loss in the death of Bro. Alderman Murray, whose funeral services were conducted by it in the presence of many brethren of the other city lodges.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: The occasion of my visit to this lodge was the night of the installation which took place on the 11th of December. I arranged with R. W. Bro. Tait to assist me with the installation proceedings, and it was fortunate that I did so for I was called to Guelph that day and could not get back until a late train, whereupon I at once set out for Mimico, and only reached the lodge-room as they were closing down, and were about entering upon the require-

ments called for in the fourth degree. However, although I did not see any of the work of this lodge I was informed by the brother who so kindly took my place on the evening in question, that everything indicated that it was in a healthy state, and the officers conversant with their work. I noticed that the brethren here are in possession of a commodious lodge-room which I understand is their own property. I examined their books and found them correct and spent a pleasant evening with them at the festive board.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: One of the most pleasant evenings of the year I had spent with the brethren of Alpha in association with their friends at their annual "At Home." On the 4th of April I officially visited them, when an initiation took place, and as a result I take pleasure in congratulating W. Bro. Luther Lennox on the happy and effective manner he has of doing his work and also upon his efficient staff of officers that support him. I wish that all our lodges were in like manner officered. One of the most notable circumstances of the evening in connection with the work was the effective rendering of the Junior Warden's lecture by Bro. St. John, M. P. P.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: The attendance on my official visit on the 28th of March was not large, although the lodge appears to be fairly prosperous and harmony now seems to reign supreme. This is a subject of congratulation, as I am told that in the past there were at one time some disturbing elements that threatened the peace of the lodge. The Worshipful Master, since his election to the chair, has removed to Buffalo, but notwithstanding that fact, he religiously appears in his place on every regular communication, which is something highly commendable on his part and ought to inspire his brethren to greater regularity of attendance. Being disappointed in the candidate expected for passing; the opening and closing ceremonies in the several degrees were well performed. During the evening I called upon the S. W. for his lecture, which was given by him on the spur of the moment in a highly commendable manner and fully as well as if he had a candidate before him in the second degree. The Worshipful Master is a good worker, and with one or two exceptions the work of the evening was excellently done.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: Although this is one of our youngest lodges, it is one of our best. It has a good membership and is well officered. My visitation was on the 7th of February when, as I before pointed out, the roads were almost impassable and the weather almost unbearable, yet there was a fair attendance. Nearly all the officers were in

their places, although some had to travel several miles to get there. The Master, W. Bro. Bateman, and his officers initiated a candidate in a highly creditable manner.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction : It is not yet three years since this lodge was dedicated and consecrated, and yet I found it not only prosperous, but in the very foremost rank amongst the lodges of the district. Its membership is already large. The brethren appear to be regular in their attendance, and so far as I could judge, after seeing the M. W., Bro. Batt, and his officers work the second degree, nothing is wanting, for they do their work in such a manner as altogether precludes the possibility of criticism in an adverse sense in any way. On the occasion of my visit I was pleased to have with me R. W. Bros. Bennett and Tait, the former of whom had very much to do with the inception and launching of this lodge, which is in every way a credit to the Craft.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto : This is the youngest lodge in the district, and ever since it started house-keeping for itself, it has shown a healthy growth and indeed a rapid one. It has a fairly large membership and is well officered. The lodge owes very much of its present prosperity to its immediate Past Master and to the present Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bro. Richardson. I had the pleasure of visiting it twice during the year, once before my installation to office and again on the 18th of February last. Through some mistake my visit was not announced upon the circular summoning the membership of the lodge, and the attendance was small. The W. M. was suffering from a severe cold, and on account thereof assigned W. Bro. McMaster to conduct the work of initiating a candidate, which was most commendably done on his part and on the part of all the officers. I had intended to visit this lodge again in order to see the W. M. himself at his work, and the W. M. was anxious that I should do so, but owing to the pressure of my engagements I was unable so to do.

CONCLUSION.

My report is finished ; my work is done, done imperfectly I know, but after all, as best I could, and in the performance of which I made 56 official visitations and attended 10 out of 16 "At Homes" given by the Craft. In retiring from the chair permit me to express my thanks through Grand Lodge to the various lodges throughout the district for the kindly assistance afforded me on each and every occasion that I appealed to them and the individual members thereof, therefor. I gratefully acknowledge the service rendered me by the Most

Worshipful, the Grand Master, the Right Worshipful, the Grand Secretary, and by R. W. brethren who have preceded me in the office in the persons of Bros. Malone, Roaf, Bennett, Collins, Mason and Tait, and who have ever been kind. My year has been a harder one than most of my predecessors, and the duties of my daily avocations have given me but little time to perform the functions of an office, the magnitude of which I but faintly comprehended when I aspired to fill the chair of the district, and which was readily accorded to me by my brethren in arms by no unmistakeable vote at Hamilton last year, where was convened, I am told, the largest congregation of Masons of the district ever held, and which fact will always be a pleasing recollection, not only because it afforded me the opportunity of performing useful services for the well-being of Masonry, but because it at the same time accorded me the high privilege of becoming personally and intimately acquainted with the members of the various lodges, whom I have learned to love, and in loving, learned to respect. Whoever may be my successor I trust that he may have as pleasant recollections of kindly treatment when he steps down and out of office as I now have vividly before me, and my earnest wish is that he may be the instrument of much good during his year of office, and that my brethren in the various lodges will be as loyal and true in his support as they have been in support of him who now says fare you well, and in the same breath adieu to the office of D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, D. D. G. M.,
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GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table showing the work done in Toronto District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year		Decrease during year		Degre's conf'r'd		Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. Work all degrees	Insurance.
		Increase	Decrease		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.											
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto.	197	1	3	7	5	7	4	4	...	...	40	107	69	76	June, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	.....
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	212	15	...	...	...	July 1, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	\$1000.00
22	K. Sol'm'n's	Toronto.	165	6	13	4	3	8	3	3	...	11	112	50	00	6	276	00	Fair.	Yes	Fully cov
25	Ionic.	Toronto.	201	12	12	7	6	8	5	5	313	114	37	50	00	3	24	00	Good.	Yes	.....
29	Rising Sun.	Aurora	59	3	10	2	1	1	1	1	310	313	30	467	54	3	12	00	excellent	Yes	.....
54	Vaughan	Maple	43	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	216	21	...	...	...	47	70	Fair.	Yes	.....
65	Rehoboam.	Toronto.	207	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	312	315	57	78	10	41	623	60	Good.	Yes	.....
75	St. John's.	Toronto.	181	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	311	415	38	185	44	40	510	00	\$3785 92	Yes	18 00
86	Wilson.	Toronto.	139	13	9	11	12	8	1	1	101	111	47	50	00	...	...	Good.	Good.	Yes	.....
87	Mark'h'm U	Markham	34	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	111	11	13	5	00	...	June 24, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	.....
97	Sharon.	Sharon	47	1	13	1	1	1	1	2	113	13	12	30	00	19	254	00	Good.	Yes	None.
98	True Blue.	Bolton.	48	4	13	3	3	3	3	1	113	13	12	30	00	25	125	00	Fair.	Yes	Yes.
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	43	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	110	14	...	...	...	June 24, '92.	Good.	Good.	Yes	900 00
118	Union	Schomberg	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	184	10	00	6	58	00	Fair.	Yes	300 00
136	Richardson	Stonerville.	38	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	9	...	...	5	40	00	Good.	Yes	600 00
156	York	North Toronto	105	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	113	114	23	7	50	7	35	00	Bright.	Yes	300 00
218	Stevensson.	Toronto.	156	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	213	35	35	00	11	35	00	Good.	Yes	550 00
220	Zeredatha.	Uxbridge	66	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	312	211	75	85	00	4	...	Dec. 27, '94.	Very good.	Yes	H's Trust
229	Ionic	Brampton.	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	214	24	...	...	9	115	50	Good.	Yes	500 00

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present the following report of the condition of Masonry in Ontario District, No. 12 :

I have much pleasure in being able to report that, notwithstanding the almost unprecedented financial depression which has prevailed during the past year, Masonry has not only maintained the position it occupied at the beginning of the year, but there has been a slight increase in the membership, and an increase also in the average attendance at the lodge meetings. It is also gratifying to report the continued existence of harmonious relations between the various lodges in the district, while nothing has transpired, so far as I am aware, to mar the harmony and pleasure of the members of the Craft.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted during the year the following dispensations :

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, meeting at Lindsay, to attend divine service clothed as Masons on June 23rd, 1895.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, of Port Hope, to enable them to attend divine service clothed as Masons on June 30th, 1895.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The first death reported to me was that of Rev. Jonas Starners Barker, M. M., a member of Ontario Lodge, No. 26, and who at the time of his death held the office of Chaplain. His remains were followed to their last resting place October 25th, 1894, by a large number of the brethren of Ontario, Hope and sister lodges.

Bro. Francis Murphy, M. M., of Ontario Lodge, No. 26, an old and much respected Mason, died on Nov. 1st, 1894, and was followed to the grave by a large number of the members of the Craft and sorrowing friends on Nov. 3rd.

Very Worshipful Bro. Yeoman Gibson, P. M., of Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby, died on December 28th, 1894. He was highly esteemed by the brethren, and held for many years a high position in the confidence of his fellow citizens. His remains were accompanied to the grave by a large number of the brethren of Composite and sister lodges, and the large

concourse of prominent citizens who accompanied the mournful procession testified to the high esteem in which he was held.

Bro. Jacob Atkins, M. M., of J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Milbrook.

Bro. Samuel Redpath, M. M., of Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, died January 7th, 1895.

Bro. D. S. Carmichael, M. M., of Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, died January, 1895.

Bro. R. K. Orr, M. M., of Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby, died Sept. 16th, 1894.

Wor. Bro. W. H. Browne, P. M., of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, of Brooklin.

DISTRICT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A largely attended, very interesting and very successful District Lodge of Instruction was held in the Masonic Hall, Peterborough, on the 20th and 21st February last.

The arrangements for the meeting and for the entertainment of the visiting brethren were entrusted to a local committee composed of prominent members of the Peterborough lodges, presided over by Very Worshipful Bro. R. Max Dennistoun, G. S. D., as chairman, and all who were fortunate enough to be present fully realized how perfectly those duties were performed. The attendance of brethren was large and very representative, almost every portion of the district furnishing its quota. The keenest interest was manifested in the proceedings, and I feel satisfied that much profit to the members of the Craft will be the result of the meeting. Interesting and valuable papers on Masonic subjects were read by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Robertson, P. D. D. G. M., of Port Hope, Rt. Wor. Bro. B. Shortly, P. D. D. G. M., of Peterborough, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. W. Miller, P. D. D. G. M., of Omeemee, Rt. Wor. Bro. S. H. Armour, P. D. D. G. M., of Lindsay, and Wor. Bro. Spence P. M., of Peterborough. The various papers were practical and instructive and were highly appreciated by the brethren present.

At the evening session of the first day the officers of Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope, conducted an initiation, and the officers of Composite Lodge, No. 30, of Whitby, a passing, under the charter of Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough, an emergent having been called for the purpose. The work in each degree was exceedingly well done and was highly creditable to the various officers participating in it.

The officers of the Peterborough lodges raised a candidate

at the evening session of the second day, under the charter of Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, an emergent being called for that purpose. The work was done in a highly satisfactory manner by all concerned. The lectures in the several degrees were illustrated by beautiful and appropriate lime-light views provided by the Peterborough brethren. The perfect manner in which the several degrees were conferred could not fail to prove interesting and instructive to the very large numbers of brethren present on both evenings.

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William Gibson, was present on the first day. He received a most enthusiastic and cordial reception from the brethren and contributed much to render the meeting successful and enjoyable by his genial manner and valuable advice. I desire to acknowledge the obligation I am under to V. W. Bro. R. Max Dennistoun, G. S. D., and the members of the local committee for the excellent arrangements which they made for the meeting and for the handsome manner in which they entertained the visiting brethren; to the officers of Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, and of Composite Lodge, Whitby, who attended the meeting, some of them at considerable personal inconvenience, to the officers of the Peterboro Lodge; to the several eminent brethren who contributed valuable papers, and to R. W. Bro. Gibson, D. G. M., and other distinguished brethren who were present and who contributed to render the meeting one of pleasure and profit.

VISITS.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa: I visited this lodge on 27th December, 1894, and installed their officers for ensuing year. The attendance of members was large as it generally is, the average being 25 for the year. The officers are young, energetic and competent men, and are well up in their work. The Secretary is a very painstaking and careful officer and keeps everything pertaining to his office in the best of order. The financial standing and prospects of this lodge are very good.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono: I visited this lodge on January 10th, 1895. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Robt. McCaw, D. D. G. M., of Oshawa; W. Bro. Percey, W. M. of Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, and W. Bro. Lockhart, a P. M. of Orono Lodge. Notwithstanding the prevalence of a severe storm of sleet and rain there was a good attendance of members. The work was an initiation which was very creditably done. I installed the officers for the ensuing year. They are good men and I feel sure they will give a good account of

themselves. The room is neat and well furnished and sufficiently large for the requirements of the lodge. The books are well kept and the financial standing good. This lodge is improving and prospects for the future good.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby : I visited this lodge on the 9th of February, 1895. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. McCaw, W. Bro. E. O. Felt and W. Bro. C. A. Jones. There was no work. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a manner highly satisfactory. A great interest is taken in the meetings by the P. M.'s. The meetings are well attended, the average attendance being twenty-eight, the largest in the district. The closing of the lodge with music, which is regularly done, is certainly an interesting and pleasing feature, not generally practiced, but worthy of being adopted by other lodges as an auxilliary means of maintaining the interest in the meetings. The veteran Secretary has his work and all matters under his care in first-class shape. The financial condition and future prosperity are good.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough : I visited this lodge February 20th, an emergent meeting being called for that evening. The lodge was opened and closed by the officers very correctly, but no other work was done. It is pleasing to observe the interest taken by the Past Masters in the success of this lodge. The D. G. M., Rt. Wor. Bro. Gibson, was present, and met with a most cordial and enthusiastic reception. The affairs of the lodge are in excellent condition. The Secretary is a painstaking excellent officer, the books are well kept, and financial standing and future prospects are very good. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, and I spent a most enjoyable evening.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155 : I visited the lodge February 21st, 1895, at an emergent meeting, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. McCaw, P. D. D. G. M., and Wor. Bro. A. E. Henry, P. M., of Oshawa. The attendance of members and visitors was very large. The officers opened and closed the lodge very correctly. During the evening the chairs were occupied for a time by officers selected by the brethren of the Peterborough lodges, who conferred the third degree on a candidate, this being a part of the programme of the District Lodge of Instruction. The membership of Peterborough Lodge is the largest in the District. The Secretary's books are well kept, and everything in good order. The financial standing of the lodge is very good, and future prospects are excellent. I spent a most enjoyable evening.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville : I visited this lodge

March 6th, 1895. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. McCaw, P. D. D. G. M., Wor. Bro. McLean and Wor. Bro. E. O. Felt, of Oshawa. The attendance of brethren was good. The work of the evening was an initiation, which was very well done by all the officers, the J. W. deserving especial mention for the manner in which he delivered his lecture. The Worshipful Master is an enthusiastic Mason. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees with commendable accuracy. The books are neatly and correctly kept, and the financial standing and prospects good.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope: I visited this lodge March 21st, 1895, accompanied by Wor. Bro. T. E. Kaiser, M. D., W. M. of Cedar Lodge, Oshawa. There was a good attendance of members. The work of the evening was a passing, which was done in a manner exceedingly creditable to the officers. The hall is ample in size, beautifully decorated, and elegantly furnished, all the apartments being most convenient and appropriate. It is occupied in common with Hope Lodge, No. 114. Ontario Lodge owns a beautiful organ, and makes use of it in opening and closing and during the work. The effect of this is very pleasing and a valuable auxiliary in promoting an additional interest in the meetings. The books are neatly and correctly kept by their model secretary. The finances are all right and the prospects A 1. This is the banner lodge for work, having made the most Masons and conferred the most degrees of any lodge in the District during the past year.

J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook: I visited this lodge May 2nd, 1895. The attendance of members was good, and they all seemed much interested in the work of the evening, which was an initiation. Although it was the first work during the term of the present officers, they all did exceedingly well. The books are neatly and correctly kept by their painstaking Secretary. The financial condition and prospects are good.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa: I visited this lodge officially on June 11th, 1895. The election of officers for ensuing year was held. The greatest harmony prevailed, the old officers being re-elected. There was no work, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees with very commendable accuracy by the W. M., Wor. Bro. McLean, and the other officers. The books are neatly and correctly kept by the Secretary. Finances all right and the future prospects good.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: I visited this lodge at their regular meeting, June 4th, 1895. Although the

weather was exceedingly hot, the attendance of members was good. The election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and everything passed off harmoniously. The work of the third degree was illustrated during the evening very creditably indeed. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees very accurately. The books are well kept, everything being all right. The financial standing is all right and the prospects for the future good.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry: My visit to this lodge was on June 7th, 1895. I was accompanied on my visit by Wor. Bro. Jones, P. M., of Oshawa. There was a large attendance of members. There was no work, but the annual election of officers took place, which was very nicely conducted. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees very accurately and creditably to the W. M. and his officers. This lodge is in a good financial condition and the prospects good. The members for the most part are young, active and energetic, and seem much interested in the success of the lodge.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin: I visited this lodge July 2, 1895. It has been going very slowly for several years past, but is now I am happy to say showing signs of prosperity. The principal officers are young, energetic and intelligent and well up in their work. On the occasion of my visit one candidate was initiated, the work being done in a very creditable manner—the J. W. especially delivered his lecture exceedingly well. The dues are better collected than formerly, the books correctly kept and the financial condition good. The prospects for the future are good, there being several applications for membership on hand.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, has made a good record during the year, being the second in the district as regards the number of degrees conferred. The financial standing is good and the prospects are excellent. The Secretary Bro. Bell is an attentive officer.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, has made a creditable record during the year; having made the third largest increase in membership. This lodge is in a good financial position, with excellent prospects. It has held seventeen meetings during the year. The Secretary Bro. R. G. Corneil is a good officer.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Victoria Road. This lodge continues to progress. It has added four members during the year. The W. M. W. Bro. Chaffee, and S. W. Bro. Wood, have done a great deal to bring about increased prosperity

The prospects of the lodge are good ; finances all right. The Secretary, Bro. A. Taylor, has been attentive to his duties.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield, has initiated two members ; has held fifteen meetings with an average attendance of 14. The financial condition of this lodge is all right and prospects good. The Secretary, Bro. R. Q. Dench, is one of the most systematic and precise in the district.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon, has lost two members by resignation during the year. The lodge has met tolerably regularly ; is financially sound and prospects fair. The Secretary, W. J. Read, has been prompt in his correspondence.

Durham Lodge, No. 66 : This lodge has a decrease of seven in its membership during the past year. The meetings have been regularly held, with an average attendance of 12. The Secretary reports the financial condition fair, prospects poor.

Keene Lodge, No. 26, Keene, has remained stationary in regard to membership, but is financially all right. Meetings are regularly held. The dues are remarkably well collected. The indefatigable Secretary, Wor. Bro. Shaw, reports several applications for membership in view. Prospects good.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls, reports a slight decrease in membership, but the financial standing and prospects for the future are very fair. The Secretary, Rev. Wm. Farncombe, is attentive to his duties and a painstaking officer.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee, has increased in membership. Meetings regularly held with a good attendance. Financial condition and prospects good. The Secretary, Bro. A. Laidlay, has been very attentive in his correspondence with me.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood, has been in deep water for several years past, and up to the present has not very much improved in respect to the difficulties under which it labored. The dues are not well collected and the W. M. is not yet equal to the work of all the degrees. One addition has been made to the membership during the year. The W. M. expresses his determination to overcome all difficulties, and reports to me that he has now two applications in hand and a prospect of two more additions in view.

I regret exceedingly that during the past three months the urgent nature of my public and private engagements has rendered it quite impossible for me to visit all the lodges, but from the reports, and from correspondence in some cases, I am able to state that the lodges that I have not been able to visit, with perhaps one or two exceptions, are in good condition,

and several of them in very good condition. I have to tender my best thanks to the W. M.'s and Secretaries of the district for their prompt attention and for the kindness and courtesy with which they have treated me, and to all the brethren whom I have met in my official visits for the kindness with which I have been everywhere treated.

I thank the brethren of the district for having elected me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. I will always look back to the year just closed with gratitude to all, and my only regret is that I have not been able to discharge the duties pertaining to the office more perfectly.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FRANCIS RAE, D. D. G. M.,
Ontario District, No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Ontario District, No. 12, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'r'd		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.		Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	M. M.					Regu- lar.	Emer- gent.									
26 Ontario.....	Port Hope	80	10	3	8	10	13	2	...	...	214	115	20	\$148 00	13	\$ 104 00	June 28, '95.	A 1.	Good.	Yes	\$1500 00
30 Composite, Whitby	Whitby	74	1	3	1	1	1	1	...	...	212	315	28	40 75	26	96 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
31 Jerusalem, Bowmanville	Bowmanville	38	7	1	1	2	2	1	4	4	10	111	15	55 00	9	67 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Very Fair	Good.	Yes	1000 00
39 Mt. Zion.....	Brooklyn	24	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	18	...	10	25 43	July, '94.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	800 00
66 Durham.....	Newcastle.....	23	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112	12	12	10 00	8	42 00	June 24, '95.	Fair.	Poor.	Yes	300 00
77 Faithful's Ru Lindsay	Lindsay	86	4	3	1	3	2	1	1	1	115	217	20	75 50	22	115 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	1200 00
101 Peterborough	Peterborough	70	6	3	3	6	8	...	...	...	13	114	16	10 00	15	145 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Very G'd.	Yes	2200 00
114 Hope.....	Port Hope	75	3	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	14	317	21	20 00	20	130 25	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Excellent	Yes	1500 00
139 Lebanon	Oshawa	69	2	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	11	112	19½	...	21	143 45	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
145 J. B. Hall	Millbrook	58	5	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	112	214	11	12 00	7	100 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00
155 Peterboro'	Peterborough	107	4	2	3	4	4	2	1	1	114	115	23	...	18	116 28	Dec. 24, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
223 Norwood	Norwood	20	1	1	1	3	3	...	...	...	13	114	7	...	9	75 00	Dec. '92.	Not rep'd	Fair.	No.	None.
268 Verulam	Robcaygeon	39	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	8	8	11	86 42	20	154 00	Feb. 15, '95.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	400 00
270 Cedar.....	Oshawa	70	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	9	9	25	87 50	18	140 00	June 24, '91.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
313 Cleonenti	Lakofield.....	41	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	...	14	115	11	...	6	19 39	June 25, '95.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	200 00
325 Orono.....	Orono.....	33	3	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	11	11	14	...	11	45 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Very G'd.	Impro'g	Yes	400 00
374 Keene	Keene	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	12	...	2	13 00	June 24, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	1000 00
375 Lorne.....	Onenuee	33	3	2	3	3	1	2	...	...	10	10	12	...	13	105 50	June 24, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
398 Victoria.....	Victoria Road	28	3	6	3	3	3	1	...	...	8	8	10	10	10	65 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	150 00
406 Spry.....	Penelon Falls	31	4	1	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	9	9	...	9	28 25	June 27, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
408 Murray.....	Reaverton.....	40	3	1	3	2	2	...	1	...	12	3	15	11	11	144 05	June '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
428 Fidelity	Port Perry	26	5	...	5	5	5	...	...	...	9	21	12	...	4	40 00	July 1, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	450 00

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

In submitting for your consideration this my report of the condition of the Craft in the Prince Edward District, No. 13, I must first express to the brethren of this district my deep sense of the honor done me in appointing me the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. Their fraternal co-operation and ready assistance throughout the year have lightened the labors and duties of this high office; the remembrance of their brotherly receptions and open-handed hospitality has cheered many a long and dreary mile. All I can do is to ask them to accept my sincere and hearty thanks.

Early in my official term I appointed Bro. Rev. C. L. Thompson, of Stirling, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. Wilmot Vandervoort District Secretary; both brethren have proved most valuable assistants.

GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE WORK AND LODGES.

During the year I have visited every lodge in the district on its regular night of meeting, and but one regret possesses me that I was not able to make more visits and to give time to the duties of this office in proportion to its importance. The floor work and the ceremonial are invariably good and are uniform throughout the district. The ritual is given intelligently and generally very impressively; as a result, I believe that the desire for the *minutiæ* of Masonic knowledge has been quickened. In my visits I found little to condemn and much to commend. Our lodges are all strong and active except one and even that lodge has not been wholly idle this year. Thus, both in quantity and quality the year's work has been excellent; and our Masonic population of upwards of 1,500 has been increased at least 5%.

But while Masonry is thus prosperous in the Thirteenth District, while I know of no grievance that I am leaving to my successor to settle, there is a matter that calls for prompt and persistent action on the part of individual lodges. While the financial standing of most of the lodges, in fact I should say of all, is unusually good, many of them being freehold premises, large sums stand on the books as arrearages. These are a very

questionable investment and at every visit that I have made, I have, as the case may be, either commended the lodges that are fortunate enough to have no delinquent members, or pressed on their attention the necessity for dealing summarily with such cases.

The causes for these large leakages with us seem to lie in our prosperity. Our lodge-rooms, with one exception, are models of comfort, and often of elegance also. There is generally no pressing demand for funds, and the result is a financial policy of masterly inactivity. As a remedy I should lay down two or three Masonic axioms: No brother should be permitted to fall into arrears longer than a year, except by a special motion of the lodge; every brother at present in arrears should be notified to pay up or show cause; the mouldering branches that fail to give signs of life should be lopped off. This method has been tried and found not wanting.

SECRETARIES.

It is due to the Secretaries throughout the district to say that I have found them a painstaking body of men, careful and prompt in the discharge of their duties. The books are well kept, the returns promptly made and notices punctually given.

VISITS.

Mystic Lodge, No. 278, Roslin: On Sept. 12th, I paid my first official visit and to my weakest lodge, in the hope that I could give it particular attention during the year. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Wensley, of Campbellford, W. Bro. Wilmot Vandervoort, Bro. T. H. McKee and Bro. E. B. Mullet, of Stirling. The attendance was small and is hardly likely to be larger at ordinary communications as the lodge is situated in a small country place and the brethren cannot get together easily. The reception was fraternal. Assisted by W. Bro. Wensley and W. Bro. Vandervoort, I installed the officers, and W. Bro. Anthony Herrity opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees. W. Bro. Vandervoort conferred the third degree. The prospects of Mystic cannot be said to be good. I recommended, and still recommend its removal to Stirling, but the brethren prefer to try to exist as a separate lodge for a year longer with a hope for an improvement in their condition. The hall is poor, but it is impossible to get any better in the village.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc: Accompanied by Bro. John Stewart Carstairs, B. A., of Stirling, I visited this lodge on Oct. 9th, and I was received with official honors by W.

Bro. Watson and the brethren. I had the pleasure of meeting here R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton, P. D. D. G. M. There was a large attendance, and though there was no regular degree work, W. Bro. Watson and his officers gave a perfectly satisfactory exemplification of the first degree. Bro. Watson's elocution is admirable in ease and fluency and the degree was very impressive. The hall is neatly furnished with everything necessary for effective work. The financial standing of the lodge is good and its members are thoroughly alive. Bro. R. T. Gray, the veteran Secretary, keeps his books in excellent form and is a prompt correspondent. Prospects excellent.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed : On my visit to this lodge on October 12th I was received right royally by a goodly gathering of brethren. There was no regular degree work, but W. Bro. Isaac Huyck exemplified the first degree in a highly admirable manner, ably supported by his Wardens. The Past Masters, W. Bro. Easterbrooke and W. Bro. Wray, zealous Masons both, were present. This lodge is at present compelled to occupy a hall in common with another fraternal society. The Secretary, Bro. C. Huyck, keeps his books neatly and accurately. Financial standing all right, and prospects very good.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora, was visited by me on November 6th, accompanied by Bro. H. S. Ferguson, Bro. T. H. McKee and Bro. John Stewart Carstairs, B. A., of Stirling. A large attendance of brethren received me with Masonic honors. Several of the brethren had driven twenty miles to be present. There was no work on hand, but as I am thoroughly familiar with W. Bro. Prout's abilities as a W. M., I declined his courteous offer to exemplify the degrees. The lodge owns its own hall, which is neatly and suitably furnished. The lodge is busy, the brethren zealous, financial standing good, and the prospects never better. At the close of the meeting we repaired to the "Royal," where Bro. McWilliams had prepared an excellent supper.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton : I made my official visit to this lodge on November 8th. W. Bro. Wilmot Vandervoort and Bro. T. H. McKee, of Stirling, accompanied me, and I had the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance with R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, P. D. D. G. M., of Picton. I was heartily received with all honors by a very large gathering. There was work in the three degrees. W. Bro. W. T. Shaw conferred the first and second in very good style, and W. Bro. Vandervoort presided during the raising. The spirit of old Prince Edward is unabated, the financial standing and pros-

pects A 1; for all of which its efficient Secretary, Bro. H. Wellbanks, deserves at least a share of credit.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford: On my visit to this lodge I was accompanied by the following brethren from Stirling: W. Bro. W. Vandervoort, W. Bro. A. Chard, Bro. Dr. H. T. Meiklejohn, Bro. T. Earl Halliwell, B. A., Bro. T. H. McKee, Bro. Walter Boardman, Bro. W. D. Smith, Bro. John Stewart Carstairs, B. A. A hearty reception was tendered me by the brethren of Franck, who were assembled to the number of about fifty. There was work in the first and second degrees, and it was ably performed by W. Bro. Bonstell and his Wardens. The lodge room is sumptuously furnished and is almost perfect in taste and its appointments. A busy lodge, in good financial standing, and constantly improving.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington: In company with W. Bro. Bonstell, of Frankford, I visited this lodge on Nov. 13th. A cordial and fraternal greeting was extended to me. There was no work, but W. Bro. E. W. Greer opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees. Though the night was very stormy, the attendance was very good. A pleasant social hour at the close was spent in refreshment. Financial standing fair, prospects excellent.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon: Accompanied by Bro. John Stewart Carstairs, B. A., of Stirling, I visited this lodge on Dec. 8th. A large number of brethren, including visitors from Lake and Trent Lodges, tendered the district representative a hearty reception. In the absence of the W. M. Bro. Philip, in England, R. W. Bro. Dr. Thornton, P. D. D. G. M., sat in the East. A first degree and the election of officers were the work of the evening, and nothing was left to be desired in their management. The meeting closed with a well-ordered spread with appropriate toasts and admirable after-dinner speeches of a high rank. Financial standing and prospects good.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford: I visited this lodge on Jan. 11th. Bro. John Stewart Carstairs, B. A., of Stirling, and Bro. G. W. Kerr, of Stirling, accompanied me. A hearty reception was accorded. It was shortly after installation and as there was no work, the W. M. Bro. George T. Dickson opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees to my entire satisfaction. After the lodge closed, an oyster supper was tendered the district representative and a social hour spent. The lodge-room is elegantly furnished. Financial standing and prospects fair.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Desoronto, was visited by me on Jan. 25th, accompanied by Bro. Walter Boardman, Bro. Morden Bird and Bro. James Whitton, of Stirling; and W. Bro. Capt. Watters and Bro. Doctor, of Belleville. It being one of the stormiest nights of the season, there was but a fair attendance. There was no work but W. Bro. Dr. Yoemans opened and closed in the several degrees. The lodge is elegantly furnished, one of the best in the district; the Secretary's and the Treasurer's books are admirably kept. The financial standing is good and prospects fair. My reception by Deseronto was of a truly fraternal character.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling: My mother lodge was visited by me on February 6th. The attendance was extremely large and included a number of visitors. My reception was of the most flattering character. There was work in the three degrees, which were ably conferred by W. Bro. Vandervoort and his officers. This year marks a revival of Masonry in Stirling. At the close the brethren withdrew to the Scott House to a sumptuous spread accompanied by the usual Masonic toasts. Prospects and financial standing never better.

Moir Lodge, No. 11, Belleville: Other engagements prevented me from visiting this lodge according to my first appointment, when a large number of brethren had loyally gathered to receive the district representative. However, when I visited it on March 6th, I received the grand honors from more than one hundred brethren assembled in their magnificent lodge-room. I was accompanied by Bro. T. H. McKee, Bro. A. T. Reid, and Bro. John Stewart Carstairs, B. A., of Stirling, and Bro. Morton, of Campbellford. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Arthur McInnis, P. D. D. G. M. There was work in the first and second degrees, which W. Bro. Robertson and his officers conferred in a very creditable manner. A banquet with the usual toasts and music closed a very successful meeting of our veteran lodge. The spirit of Moira is energetic and zealous; financial standing and prospects A 1.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne: Nothing could exceed the kindness of my reception by the brethren of Colborne. W. Bro. Smith and other prominent craftsmen received me at the station on my visit Nov. 8th. Bro. Bert Cummings, of Stirling, accompanied me. The lodge reception was just as cordial. W. Bro. C. J. McCallum did truly admirable work in the third degree. The veteran Secretary, Bro. George Keyes, has been fulfilling the duties of the office for twenty-five years,

and possesses the unparalleled record of having missed but three nights in his whole term of office. As might be expected, his books are models of care and neatness. The lodge-room is neat and comfortable. Financial standing and prospects A 1.

Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton : On the occasion of my visit to Trent Lodge, on April 2nd, the attendance was very good and the reception hearty and cordial. There was no work, but W. Bro. Ostrum opened and closed in the first and second degrees. The books of the lodge are well kept. A banquet and the usual Masonic speeches in their adjoining dining-hall completed the meeting. The lodge-room is neat and well furnished. Financial standing and prospects fair.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton : A fair attendance and a fraternal greeting with the usual Masonic honors met me on April 4th, when I visited United Lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. Wm. Robertson, of Moira Lodge, Belleville, and Bro. H. S. Ferguson, of Stirling. W. Bro. Lapp conferred the second degree on two brethren in a thoroughly capable manner. The lodge room is comfortable and well arranged and well fitted. A supper closed the meeting. The Secretary's and the Treasurer's books are very neat. Financial standing and prospects good.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburg : Owing to a severe snowstorm I did not visit Lake Lodge according to my first appointment. But on the 8th of April, accompanied by Bro. H. Ketcheson, of Belleville, I was heartily received by a very large gathering, including many visitors from Consecon. W. Bro. Wease worked the second degree in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The lodge books were in a satisfactory condition. The lodge-room is comfortable and convenient. Financial standing fair ; prospects good.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville : It would be impossible to surpass the kindness and honor done me by Eureka Lodge on the occasion of my official visit on April 10th. About 150 members and visitors from the sister lodges were present to do the grand honors. The work was the first and second degrees. W. Bro. Terwilliger has a pleasing, fluent elocution and his exposition was very effective. He is supported by able officers. This work was perhaps the best that I have seen during my tenure of office. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. W. Webster, immediate P. D. D. G. M., and also R. W. Bro. Wm. Webster, P. D. D. G. M. Bro. W. J. Diamond is an enthusiastic Mason and a very efficient Secretary. The banquet at the close was greatly enlivened by admirable musical selections

rendered by the lodge orchestra. Financial standing and prospects A1.

Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville: More than one hundred craftsmen received me with great honors on May 11th when I visited Belleville Lodge. The work in the first degree was ably and impressively exemplified by W. Bro. Walter Alford, well supported by his officers. I had the pleasure of meeting here in his mother lodge V. W. Bro. Henry Pringle, one of the most ardent and enthusiastic Masons of the Province. As usual, Belleville closed her cordial reception by a banquet with speeches and toasts in the magnificent banquet-room of the Masonic chambers; the Masonic orchestra again contributing many musical selections to the evening's enjoyment. The books of the lodge reflect credit on the Secretary, Bro. Adams.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg: Your representative received a hearty fraternal greeting with honors on his official visit to St. John's, on the 8th of May; an emergency meeting.

I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. Webster, immediate P. D. D. G. M., of Belleville, and W. Bro. Smith, of Colborne. W. Bro. French gave an able and admirable exemplification of the work by conferring two first degrees. The Secretary's books are neat and systematic. Financial standing and prospects very good.

Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth: My official visit was made to Percy Lodge on June 6th. W. Bro. Wensley, of Campbellford, accompanied me. The attendance was fair and the reception fraternal. There was no work, but W. Bro. Baker exemplified the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. The books are nicely kept. Financial standing fair and prospects good.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued the following dispensations: To Stirling Lodge, No. 69, December 30th, 1894; to Franck Lodge, No. 127, December 23rd, 1894; to United Lodge, No. 29, June 23rd, 1895; to Marmora Lodge, No. 222, June 23rd, 1895, to attend divine service.

DEATHS.

The following are the names of the fraternal dead that have been reported to me: Bro. Henry McCarthy, Moira Lodge, No. 11; Bro. Wellington Parliament, Consecon Lodge, No. 50; Bro. Samuel Tesdale, Marmora Lodge, No. 222; Bro. Duncan, Percy Lodge, No. 161; Bro. John Caskey, Madoc Lodge, No. 48; Bro. Freeman Cooper, Prince Edward Lodge,

No. 18 ; Bro. Alex. S. Patterson, Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18 ; Bro. Lyman Moore, Moira Lodge, No. 11.

EXPENSES.

My thanks are due to every lodge in the district in the matter of bearing the expenses of the visits of your representative. Not only has an indemnity been received, but in some cases my hotel expenses were anticipated, and throughout the district the lodges have vied with each other in hospitable attentions to me.

In conclusion, I have to thank the whole fraternal body, my predecessors, the Past District Deputies, and all officers in the Thirteenth District for their cordial receptions and fraternal assistance. Their zeal and self-denial have taught me many Masonic lessons—and not the least will be my duty to my successor. To him I hand over the insignia of this high office, happy in the knowledge that a true Masonic spirit of peace, harmony and brotherly love reigns in the Prince Edward District. So mote it be.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN SHAW, D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District, No. 13.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have much pleasure in presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in this district. The brethren of this district having elected me to the position of D. D. G. M. at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge held in the City of Hamilton, and having done so by a unanimous vote of the brethren present, I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks for the honor conferred on me ; and also for the cordial reception given me by the members of the various lodges I visited.

When I accepted the office my first act was to issue a circular to each lodge in the district, requesting them to forward to me a copy of all summons issued, which I believe was fairly complied with.

The district contains thirteen lodges, and during the year I visited all but three. These lodges are in the northern part of our district, and I left them until the month of May, expecting to visit them, but owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I failed to carry out my programme. I have, however, learned from a reliable source that they are working well, and that the members are enthusiastic Masons.

The following are the lodges I visited :

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro : I paid my official visit to this lodge on Sept. 11th, 1894, and found everything in a very satisfactory condition. I found that some of the brethren were anxious to have the lodge removed to Westport, but the idea not meeting with much support from the members in Newboro, the idea was abandoned, and a petition is now before Grand Lodge praying for a charter for a new lodge in Westport. The advisability of granting this request will, I have no doubt, receive the attention of the Grand Master. I was accompanied on this visit by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, V. W. Bro. Macnee, V. W. Bro. Shannon, and Bro. Adams. I also had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Dargavel, P. D. D. G. M., and several other distinguished members of the Craft. There being no candidate, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner. The attendance was very good.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath : I paid my official visit to this lodge on October 8th, 1894. This lodge being few in members turned out exceedingly well and it was easily seen to be composed of the very best material ; the members all are very enthusiastic and hearty workers and have the interest of Masonry at heart. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in an excellent manner. I was accompanied on this visit by the following brethren : R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, V. W. Shannon and V. W. Bro. Macnee. The growth of this lodge has been slow owing to the scarcity of material in this section more than lack of enthusiasm.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith : I visited this lodge on Dec. 7th, 1894, along with R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, V. W. Bro. Shannon and R. W. Bro. Waddington. This being election of officers a large number of brethren were present, the lodge was opened in the third degree and the work put on in a very creditable manner. I had the pleasure here of meeting R. W. Bro. Longmore, P. E. D. G. M. ; perfect harmony prevails and prospects of lodge good.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque : I visited this lodge on January 8th, 1894, and installed the officers for the ensuing year, I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson and V. W. Bro. Shannon. The Worshipful Master put on a second degree in a very efficient manner. The immediate past D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Geo. Taylor was present. The brethren appear to take great interest in the work and prospects are bright.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston : I visited this lodge on Feb. 4th, 1895, and met large number of the brethren, including a number of Past Masters and visiting brethren. No work being on, the W. M. raised the lodge and closed in the three degrees. Being a member of this lodge myself, I have plenty of opportunities of seeing the work done, and can say that it is always well done. The books are neatly kept and prospects bright. I installed the W. M. and officers of this lodge on December 27th.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston : I paid my official visit to this lodge on the 7th of February, and found a large number of members present. This lodge has made great progress during the year. I expected to see some of the degrees conferred on this occasion, but owing to failure of candidate to put in an appearance I was disappointed ; I have, however, visited the lodge and found the W. M. and officers well up in their work. This being the centennial year the brethren are very enthusiastic, and great interest is taken in the progress of

the lodge. I also had the pleasure of installing the W. M. and officers of this lodge on St. John's day.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston: I made my official visit to this lodge on February 13th, a large number of members and visitors were present. The W. M. conferred the third degree on a candidate in a very creditable manner. This lodge is well supported by its Past Masters, and the members are very loyal to their lodge. I also had the pleasure of installing the officers on St. John's Day.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: I visited this lodge on March 4th. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson and V. W. Bro. Shannon. The W. M. raised and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and was ably supported by the principal officers. The brethren are very enthusiastic and take great interest in the work.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 5th, and found the attendance very good, The first degree was exemplified in a first-class manner, all the officers being very well up in the work. I had a large contingent of Kingston brethren with me, among whom were the following: R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, V. W. Bro. Shannon, W. Bro. Burns, and Bros. Shaw, Breden, Macnee, Sutherland, Hart, Fortesque, Darby, Murch and Alexander. P. D. D. G. M. Warner was present, and perfect harmony prevails among the brethren.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: I visited this lodge on April 11th, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Kinghorn and W. Bro. Adams, also Bro. Woods. The night being rather disagreeable, very few were present. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and only fairly well done, the W. M. not being as proficient as I should have wished.

In conclusion I would again thank the brethren of the lodges throughout the district for the kindness and assistance rendered me during the discharge of my duty, and trust my successor will meet with the same kind treatment.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. HEWTON, D. D. G. M.,
Frontenac District, No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Mem-ber-ship.	Degree's conf'r'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
						E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
3	An. S. John	Kingston	149	13	12	11	4	7	2	4	2	2	13	12	25	46	\$113 50	5	\$32 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	\$1025 00
9	Union	Napanee	79	15	13	2	4	4	1	11	13	13	11	15	15	20 00	20	200 00	June 24, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	700 00
92	Cataragua	Kingston	111	1	1	4	3	2	1	1	4	1	13	2	15	20	93 50	28	265 00	June 24, '95.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	600 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith.	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	15	15	12 00	2	8 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	600 00
113	Maple Leaf	Bath	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	11	2	13	8	45 00	5	14 00	June 24, '95.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	None.
146	Pr. of Wales	Newburgh	42	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	11	11	11	10	65 00	10	28 00	June 24, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	None.
157	Simpson	Newboro	65	2	3	3	3	3	1	4	1	...	...	12	1	13	30	30 00	65	261 00	June 24, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00
201	Leeds	Gananoque	83	2	3	3	3	3	1	4	1	...	...	11	11	11	27	15 00	14	141 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	600 00
212	Elysian	Garden Island.	32	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	...	...	...	12	7	7	11	...	7	22 00	June 24, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	None.
228	Pr Arthur	Odessa	31	2	2	2	2	2	...	1	2	1	7	11	10	10	...	4	6 00	June 24, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	None.
253	Minden	Kingston	65	4	4	1	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	11	11	15	20 00	12	66 00	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	150 00
289	Victoria	Centreville	38	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	18	...	6	56 00	July 6, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	150 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth.	38	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	18	...	6	56 00	July 6, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	150 00

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

I have the honor to submit my report on the state and condition of Masonry in the Fifteenth Masonic District for the year ending June 24th, 1895.

I have visited every lodge in my district at least once during the year, and several of them twice. At each visit I had the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees and saw the other work of the evening, and then gave the brethren a short address on the duties which Masons owe to the Craft, to their lodge, and to the world. I did this because I think there is a strong tendency to devote the greater part of our attention to the ceremonial side of Masonry and to neglect the social and fraternal side, and to fail in some degree to carry out in our intercourse with the world the principles and lessons taught within the lodge-rooms. My remarks were well received, and I think were appreciated by the brethren.

Throughout the district, with but one exception, there exists the most perfect harmony. I have not had a single complaint laid before me during my term of office, and only in one lodge have I found any trace of an unkind feeling.

The majority of the lodges have had a fair amount of work during the year, and the manner in which the degrees are conferred and the general business is conducted is very creditable, not only to the officers of the lodges, but also to my predecessors in the position of D. D. G. M., who devoted a great deal of attention to these matters, thus making my duties in this respect very easy of performance.

I am pleased to see increased attention paid to the proper preparation of candidates, and I have strongly advised that no Brother should receive a higher degree until he was thoroughly posted in those through which he had already passed. I consider it a sacred duty which we owe to those whom we admit within our portals, that we should so prepare them that they may be able to work their way into any Masonic lodge in any part of the English-speaking world.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year : Bros. Turner Koyle and A. F. Hagaman, of Sussex,

No. 5, Brockville ; Bros. A. Rowsome and A. Everetts, of Rising Sun, No. 85, Athens ; Bro. Ira Mallory, of Macoy, No. 242, Mallorytown ; Bro. Albert Wilson, of Vaughan, No. 54, who died at Alexandria and was buried by the brethren of Maxville ; and V. W. Bro. Walter Kerr, P. G. D. of C., of Mount Zion, No. 28, Kemptville, who died in Europe in March last.

I granted dispensations to Excelsior, No. 142, Morrisburgh ; Crystal Fountain, No. 389, North Augusta ; Cornwall, No. 125, Cornwall, and St. Francis, No. 24, Smith's Falls, at attend divine service on June 23rd, being the Sunday nearest St. John's Day. These services have been well attended by the brethren, especially at Morrisburgh and Smith's Falls, where the neighboring lodges joined to make a showing which was in every way a credit to the Craft.

In conclusion I must say that I have been everywhere most cordially welcomed and made to feel at home, the brethren vieing with each other to make my visit pleasant, and this, too, though I had to ask them in many cases to call emergency meetings to suit my convenience. Nowhere had we a small meeting. There was always over the average number, and the brethren seemed pleased to have a visit from a Grand Lodge officer. For their many kindnesses I take this opportunity of returning them my warmest thanks, and I can assure them that the past year has been and will remain the brightest spot in my Masonic life.

I now give my observations made on each lodge in detail, as I visited them, leaving out all such statistics as may be found in the tabulated statement annexed.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville : Visited at regular meeting, April 15th. About 50 brethren present, including visitors from Salem Lodge, No. 368, and others. Opening and closing in the three degrees and a candidate initiated. The work was well and impressively done. Special attention paid to the preparation of candidates for the several degrees. The lodge has a large credit balance in the bank, a fine room, a smaller amount of arrearage of dues than last year, and everything points to prosperity. The books are well and carefully kept by W. Bro. Dewey, and P. M.'s seem to take an active interest in the work. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Betts, Riddell and Menish. The excellent feeling now existing between Sussex and Salem lodges is widened by the constant interchange of fraternal visits. I have to thank the officers and members of this lodge for many kindnesses received during the year.

True Briton's Lodge, No. 14, Perth: In company with a delegation from St. Francis' Lodge, Smith's Falls, I visited this lodge on the evening of their regular meeting, May , W. Bro. McMartin and his officers all in their places. This is a well worked lodge, the Master being especially proficient, with an easy and pleasant delivery, and he is ably assisted by a large number of Past Masters. The room is ornamented with the portraits of many of the former Masters, and is very interesting in consequence. The books are well kept and there is plenty of work on hand, though on the night of my visit the candidate failed to put in an appearance. Finances in good condition, but too large an amount of arrears of dues. This lodge is all right.

St. Francis' Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls: I have attended nearly all the meetings of this lodge during the past Masonic year. Visited it officially on the 7th of June; thirty present. I have seen the W. M. confer all the degrees. The officers are well up in their work. The finances are well up, with no debts, and practically no arrears of dues. The lodge-room has been all newly papered and electric lights put in, and it is now one of the good rooms of the district. The veteran Secretary, Bro. Moag, is serving his thirty-sixth year in the office—may he long be spared. This is a prosperous and growing lodge and is in good hands. There is no question as to its future.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville: I dropped into this lodge without a formal notification on the evening of their election of officers, and after this business had been very harmoniously done, I heard an initiation which was also well done. Out of fifteen present seven were Past Masters. The lodge is small but well worked.

I paid my official visit on the regular meeting of March 6th, accompanied by W. Bros. Percival and Hawkins, of St. Francis Lodge. Found twenty present, officers all in place; opening and closing in three degrees well done; lodge in good shape financially; \$200 in bank, not a cent of debt and not a cent of arrears. V. W. Bro. Bascom and W. Bro. Bottom are the backbone of this lodge. The brethren have recently suffered a loss in the removal of the Master, W. Bro. Rutherford, to the North-west, and W. Bros. Hanna and Conley as well. The Secretary and Treasurer's books are all that could be desired.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, was visited at their regular meeting on May 7th. Number present twenty, a large increase on the usual attendance. There has been no work in this lodge for more than a year, and small attendance owing largely to internal dissensions. Outside matters are

carried into lodge and brethren forget to exercise the Masonic ornament of a silent tongue. Until the brethren sink petty personal matters and practice the golden rule the lodge will not prosper. The lodge has suffered a further misfortune in the removal of W. Master, Bro. Watchorn. The opening and closing in the three degrees was fairly well done, only the first being good, owing to the lack of practice. The dues are too low, not being sufficient to meet current expenses, and the lodge must go behind financially. No lodge should be dependent upon initiations for funds to carry it on. The result is obvious. There are a number of grand masons in this lodge, but prospects at present are not of the brightest.

St. James' Lodge, No. 74, Maitland: Accompanied by W. Bros. De Carle and Dewey, of Sussex Lodge, I visited this lodge at their regular meeting on June 10th. W. M. and both Wardens absent, W. Bro. Cole in the chair, and sixteen brethren present. The books of the lodge are limp covers and not very suitable. The room is fairly good, and the walls are decorated with many old and interesting charters and charts. Efforts are now being made to move the lodge to a more central position, farther back in the country, as soon as a suitable lodge-room is built. If this be done I think it will be for the good of Masonry, and keep alive one of the oldest and most interesting lodges.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens, was visited on October 11th, at their regular meeting, when I found over forty present. The W. M., Dr. Dixon, unfortunately was absent in New York, and the chair was filled by P. M. Saunders, who opened and closed in the three degrees very well. Candidates were examined in both second and third degrees and showed capital preparation. Books correctly kept; advised procuring a more suitable visitors' register. This lodge has now a beautiful meeting place, newly furnished, and everything comfortable. The result is a large and regular attendance and renewed interest on the part of the brethren. The W. M. for the present year, Dr. Reid, is a capital worker, and under his care I have no fear for the future of Rising Sun. He is ably assisted by a goodly number of enthusiastic Past Masters.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, was visited on the occasion of their regular meeting, November 6th. Thirty-six present, including five Past Masters, and R. W. Bro. Graham, the immediate P. D. D. G. M. I here found as I expected, a well worked lodge. Every officer from the Master, W. Bro. Ryan, to the tyler did his work well. Heard the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, the lecture in the First beauti-

fully given by the Junior Warden, and the Third conferred in manner as near perfection as could be desired. I have certainly never seen anything better. R. W. Bro. Graham, assisted by the Secretary W. Bro. Wells, seems to be a general father to the lodge. On this visit I had the pleasure of the company of W. Bros. DeCarle and Rose, of Sussex, Brockville. I have not heard the work of this year's staff of officers, but I have heard good reports. The lodge is all right.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, was visited on the evening of their regular meeting, January 1st, 1895; 38 brethren present, including seven Past Masters, and R. W. Bro. Milligan, P. D. D. G. M. Officers all in their places, and though installed only a few evenings before did well. Three candidates initiated, one by the W. Master, one by W. Bro. Hamilton, and one by W. Bro. Ridley. Secretary and Treasurer are both P. M.'s; the books are models of neatness and correctness, the dues are kept well paid up, and prompt action taken against all delinquents. In consequence there are practically no arrears, not a cent of debt, and a fair balance in the bank. This lodge was for some years in low water financially, but now everything is in good shape and the future prosperity of the lodge is assured. It is now one of the good lodges of the district.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburgh: Visited on Oct. 5th. An emergency meeting, but a good attendance, about thirty-eight being present, including W. Bros. Horton and Geiger, of Salem, Brockville; W. Bro. Ryan, of Central, Prescott, and a deputation from the south of the line from New York and Vermont. Lodge books are suitable and neatly kept. Register signed in pencil. Secretary is careful and painstaking. The Tyler, Bro. Warner, is in his twenty-third year of service. The work of the evening was in the third, and was impressively performed, the W. M. having a good delivery, and was well assisted by his officers. Candidates must prepare their O. B.'s. R. W. Bro. S. B. Fell is active in his interest in the lodge, and there now seems to be perfect harmony. W. Bro. G. H. Kennedy, the Master for 1895, is carrying on the good work begun by his predecessor, and the lodge-room has been all repainted and furnished, and I am informed is now second to none in the district. This lodge is in good hands and is prospering.

Friendly Brother's Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois, was visited on April 11th, at an emergent meeting. There were thirty-eight present, a very good showing considering the state of the roads. A deputation was present from Waddington, N. Y.,

also W. Bro. Kennedy, Master of Excelsior, Morrisburgh. A candidate was raised to the third degree by the W. M., Bro. McDonell, in a correct and impressive manner. The officers are all well up in their work, Wardens and Senior Deacon particularly good. The room is small, but well furnished and comfortable; new chairs have just been put in. The books are well kept. The finances in fair condition; no debt; arrearages of dues small. There is no proper preparation room, and the candidate for the evening was not well posted. I advised careful and thorough preparation. The Past Masters here do not take the active interest they do in other places. The W. M. has all the work to do himself. This is a prosperous lodge with a good future, and good material out of which to elect future officers.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 203, Lancaster: Visited this lodge on December 27th, but owing to a severe snow storm there was no meeting, as it was simply impossible for the brethren to get out. I visited the lodge again at their regular meeting on April 12th and found an attendance of about thirty, including a number of Cornwall brethren. The work of the evening was passing two, which was not well done. The Master was fairly good but the others were bad. Deacons and Inner Guard were absent. The lodge-room has been improved, the furniture re-covered, and all that is now required in this way is a new carpet, which the brethren propose getting before long. The books are well kept, the ledger being a model of neatness. The Secretary is thoroughly efficient. A change of Master is needed. W. Bro. Snider is faithful and earnest and a good and true Mason, but lives too far from the lodge. I would strongly advise placing the present Secretary in the East next year. I think it would be for the benefit of the lodge. Financially the lodge is all right and has good prospects. The venerable Tyler, Bro. Statter, is now serving in his eighteenth year of office.

Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown, was visited at an emergency meeting on April 17th, when the roads were in a wretched condition. Many of the members living at a distance the attendance was not large, 19 being present; lodge opened and closed in the three degrees; the Master fairly well up, the others poor. A lack of interest is manifest, in part owing to their having had no work for two years. This lodge shows the bad effects of keeping one man in the chair for a number of years; the others lose ambition. The present Master, W. Bro. Scott, is occupying the place for a second term, and is earnest and willing but does not appear to get any backing.

A visitor gets the feeling of general dead-and-aliveness. The brethren own their room and have it comfortably furnished, though with \$500 debt on which they pay interest. The Grand Lodge dues for 1894 were not paid at the time of my visit. There are here a number of earnest Masons and it only wants the right man to take hold and things can soon be put on a good footing.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, was visited on the 23rd of May. An emergency meeting and a good turn out. The only disappointment was the absence of the W. Master who was called to Montreal, but 24 brethren met me with the I. P. M. Bro. Ault in the chair. The opening and closing in the three degrees was good, and things are going well in this lodge. Most of the brethren live at a distance, but they own their room and have a stable on the place for their horses, and a snug and comfortable place for themselves. The books are in good order; there is a small debt on the property; financial standing good. I was very favorably impressed with the style of men in this lodge, they appear to be ideal Masons. I have to thank W. Bro. Ault for his very great kindness to me while I was with them. This lodge is all right.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville, was visited on January 18th. An emergent meeting, forty present, including good deputation from Henderson Lodge, Winchester. Books of this lodge are well kept. Finances in good shape, over \$400 in treasury, but too much arrearages of dues when they are but \$2 per annum. I advised them to try the pruning-hook, which I think has since been done with good effect. Opening and closing in three degrees, and a third excellently conferred by the Master, W. Bro. R. N. Smith. The Secretary and Treasurer are both P. M.'s, a fair guarantee of good work. The lodge-room is rather small to accommodate the brethren, but they are looking for a larger room in the near future. This is a growing and prosperous lodge. I was pleased to see the constant visits paid between Henderson and Chesterville Lodges. Nothing cements fraternal friendship like visiting other lodges.

Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: I visited this lodge at their regular meeting on February 11th and found the largest gathering I met during my year's work, some seventy being present, amongst others, R. W. Bro. Jackson, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. Colcock, P. D. of C., and a large representation from Sussex Lodge. All the officers were in place except the S. W., who was ill. The work was an initiation. The degree was excellently conferred, the J. W.'s lecture nicely

delivered, and the general floor work good. The books are well kept. Finances in fair condition. Lodge-room comfortable, with every necessary in connection, including wash-room, etc. Perfect harmony now exists between Salem and its sister lodge, Sussex, largely owing to the efforts of W. Bros. Horton and De Carle, the Masters. Prospects of Salem are good, and so long as Bros. Geiger and Colcock remain at the helm, things will go well. A special effort should be made to decrease the amount of arrearages of dues.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, was visited on April 19th. Emergency meeting, small attendance and bad roads. The Master was ill and unable to be present. The books were all correct, and the financial condition of the lodge excellent. They have one of the prettiest lodge rooms I have ever seen, and better still own it themselves and are, very probably, proud of it. I was pleased to meet a number of Past Masters of the lodge and W. Bro. Read, Master of Rising Sun, Athens. I visited this lodge again on their regular meeting on June 5th and found a good attendance, some 40, and the officers all in their places. After the election of officers, a candidate was raised to the third degree in a fairly creditable manner. The W. Master seemed nervous but had his work all right. There is the true Masonic spirit pervading this lodge; they have plenty of work, have harmony in feeling as well as in name; and there is no question as to their prosperity.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester, was visited at an emergency meeting on November 23rd. Found 30 present, amongst others, W. Bro. Lawson, of Chesterville Lodge, and a number of the brethren of Chesterville, and W. Bros. Johnston and Percival, of St. Francis Lodge, Smith's Falls. Lodge opened and closed in three degrees, and three thirds conferred. Work very well done. The W. Master is earnest, and the S. W. and S. D. were particularly good. This lodge has made wonderful progress since five years ago, the books are well kept, the finances in good shape and Masonry has taken a new lease of life in Winchester.

I again visited the lodge at regular meeting in May without giving any warning and saw three passings by W. Bro. S. S. Reveler, the Master for the present year. The lodge-room is small and in some ways inconvenient, but prospects are bright and we may hope for better quarters in the near future. This lodge has no arrearages of dues. Would that there were more like it!

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne, was visited at an emergency meeting on April 18th. Fourteen brethren out of

a membership of twenty were present to meet me, some driving eight miles through terrible roads. The opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees fairly well done. The W. Master and S. Warden are well up in their work, the J. Warden was absent. The lodge-room is to be enlarged this summer, and new furniture is ready to be put into it. This lodge is on the move upwards, there is a decided improvement on former years. A good spirit is evinced, and though the numbers are small I think there is strong evidence of a coming prosperity. This cannot now be classed as a weak lodge.

Crystal Fountain, No. 389, North Augusta: I drove twenty-two miles to the regular meeting of this lodge, on Feb. 7th, accompanied by W. Bros. Percival and Foster, and Bro. Ennis, of St. Francis' Lodge, and received a warm welcome from W. Bro. Waddell and the members of his lodge. They literally took us in and did for us. There was no work on hand. Opened and closed in the three degrees; very well done, considering it was but the second meeting of the year. The deep snow accounted for the comparatively small attendance, twenty-eight being present. Books are well kept. Dues too low, should be raised to \$3 a year. Lodge-room owned by brethren; small debt on it; it is comfortably furnished. Prospects of this lodge are bright, as the W. M. is earnest and full of enthusiasm and the Secretary careful and prompt, while W. Bro. John Chapman, the Treasurer, exercises a paternal care over the whole institution.

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn, was visited at a special meeting held on April 16th. Number present eighteen; average attendance about twelve. The opening and closing in the three degrees and the initiation of a candidate were very creditably done, though it was the Master's first degree work. The officers are well up to the work. The books are in good shape—a balance on the right side of the ledger, arrearages small and debts none. The lodge has suffered a loss in the removal of several of its members, more especially R. W. Bro. C. W. Bullock, P. D. D. G. M., who will be very much missed. This lodge is healthy and prosperous. Though their numbers are small, they make it up in zeal and enthusiasm, and every brother is working for the East.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville, visited May 17th. Emergency meeting, 40 present, amongst them V. W. Bro. Henry, W. Bro. Gillespie, of Chesterville, W. Bro. Ridley, of Cornwall, and a delegation from both lodges, who drove 26 or 28 miles to be present. This lodge has a comfortable room, the books are neatly kept, no debt, a fair balance on hand.

and things in general are prosperous. The work of the evening was an initiation, which was well performed by the W. M., Bro. C. T. Smith. Officers well up in the work, the lecture by the J. Warden was good. The preparation of candidates is well looked after. This is a growing and enthusiastic lodge, with the Past Masters taking an active interest. A pleasing innovation was introduced in the fourth degree, when the wives and daughters of the Craft sat down with the brethren to a bountiful repast prepared by them in the hall below the lodge-room. The visiting brethren were royally treated. This is characteristic of the brethren of Maxville.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. HOUSTON, D. D. G. M.,
St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.		Degree's conf'r'd		Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year	E. A.							F. C.	M. M.										
															Regular.										Emergent.	Total.
5	Sussex	Brockville.....	146	2	..	7	8	7	..	3	14	8	22	30	\$78 80	21	\$ 153 00	Dec., '91	Good.	Good.	Yes	\$ 200 00		
14	True Brit's	Perth	88	1	3	2	2	2	..	..	13	114	19	..	31 00	19	164 20	Dec., '91	Good.	Good.	Yes	700 00
21	St. Francis.	Smith's Falls.	84	5	..	8	9	..	1	..	14	216	25	..	45 00	3	12 00	June, '95	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00		
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville.....	25	4	1	1	1	..	2	..	11	115	10	..	..	..	..	Dec., '91	Good.	Very fair.	Yes	300 00
55	Merrickv'e	Merrickville.....	44	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	10	12	..	..	15 00	Dec., '91	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	None.
74	St. James	Maitland .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dec., '91	..	..	No	..
85	Rising Sun	Athens	61	1	1	7	5	..	2	..	23	215	27	..	..	19	142 00	Dec., '91	Fair.	Good.	Yes	500 00
110	Central	Prescott	90	2	7	8	8	..	2	5	114	115	17	..	21 75	29	125 00	June, '95	Good.	Good.	Yes	750 00		
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	55	8	..	8	7	1	..	..	113	215	20	..	..	31	14 00	Dec., '91	Good.	Good.	Yes	900 00
142	Excelsior	Morrisburgh	77	3	7	10	11	..	1	10	13	821	30	..	163 20	4	126 00	Dec., '91	Good.	Bright.	Yes	600 00		
143	Friendly B.	Iroquois	63	10	10	8	7	..	..	..	12	618	25	..	..	4	100 00	Dec., '91	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00
207	Lancaster	Lancaster .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
242	Macy	Mallorytown	31	7	..	..	..	..	1	6	1	8	210	15	5 00	3	7 50	Dec., '93	Good.	Fair.	Yes	None.
256	Farran's P.	Farran's Point	70	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	114	20	..	20 00	10	90 00	Dec., '91	Good.	Good.	No	800 00
320	Chesterv'e	Chesterville.....	71	2	6	4	6	1	4	4	12	113	23	..	..	19	163 61	Dec., '91	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
368	Salem	Brockville.....	93	..	6	5	4	1	3	4	14	216	27	..	Bo'rd	..	151 55	Dec., '91	Good.	Good.	Yes	700 00		
370	Harmony	Delta	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	20 00	Dec., '91	Good.	Good.	Yes	1800 00
383	Henderson	Winchester	36	13	11	11	9	..	..	..	13	117	14	..	..	..	..	Dec., '91	Good.	Very good	Yes	None.
387	Lausdowne	Lausdowne	21	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	11	314	9	..	..	6	27 00	Dec., '91	Fair.	Good.	Yes	None.
389	Crystal P'n	N. Augusta.....	59	..	8	..	..	..	5	3	10	111	15	..	..	12	30 00	June, '95	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	500 00
416	Lyn	Lyn	31	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	11	112	10	..	..	13	72 00	Dec., '91	Good.	Good.	Yes	150 00
418	Maxville	Maxville	51	6	6	10	5	2	1	..	13	114	14	..	13 00	23	130 00	Dec., '91	Good.	Good.	Yes	None.		

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I beg to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Sixteenth District :

Shortly after my appointment as D. D. G. M. of this district I appointed W. Bro. W. A. Bangs, of Chaudiere Lodge, Ottawa, District Secretary. He has proved a very valuable officer, and I hereby tender him my sincere thanks for his services—this being the only remuneration which he will receive. I am of opinion, however, that such officers should be paid by the district.

In accepting this office I felt that I was undertaking a very important and responsible work, and I feel now that I have failed to discharge the duties of the position in the manner I should have done. I trust, however, that the brethren of this important district will overlook my shortcomings and accept my most hearty thanks for honors conferred on me. I have, in the discharge of my duties, been ably assisted by some of my distinguished predecessors, to wit: R. W. Bros R. W. Stephen, W. Rea, David Taylor, David Barr, R. A. Stock, besides many of the Masters and Past Masters of the lodges. In fact I have received every attention and kindness from the Masons of the district, and I shall always look with pride and pleasure on my experience as D. D. Grand Master.

I regret not having been able to visit all the lodges in my district, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented my doing so, and I ask the officers of such lodges to forgive me. I shall endeavor in my private capacity as a Mason to visit such lodges in the near future.

I must specially thank the R. W. Bro. R. W. Stephen, my immediate predecessor, for much valuable information furnished me, besides friendly Masonic advice and acts of kindness during my term of office.

I must also thank our worthy Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, for the kind attention given to our correspondence and much valuable advice and information furnished me from time to time during the past year.

I must likewise specially mention Bro. R. Sullivan David's

Masonic column issued weekly in the *L'Original Advertiser* during the past year. The work of preparing these weekly items of Masonic information must have taxed Bro. David considerably, but I trust our good brother will continue the good work thus begun. I appointed the Rev. Arthur Philips, M. A., Rector of Trinity Church, Hawkesbury, chaplain of the district, and the reverend gentleman has proved himself worthy of the position. I trust a higher and more important position is in store for him in the near future.

Dalhousie Lodge: On the 7th of August, 1894, I visited Dalhousie Lodge, V. W. Bro. Wm. Reynolds presiding. Over 100 members were present, including the following P. D. G. M.'s: R. W. Bros. R. W. Stephen, D. Taylor and Wm. Rea. I had the honor of presenting seven gold Past Masters' Jewels to Past Masters of this lodge. In looking over its roll of membership I observe that many of the oldest and most distinguished Masons were made in this lodge. The work was very satisfactorily performed.

Chaudiere Lodge: I visited Chaudiere Lodge on the 28th August, W. Bro. M. A. Bangs presided, and 51 members were present. The first and second degrees were conferred, and they were well done. The officers seemed well up in their duties, and the lodge is in good condition.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill: On 7th September I visited St. John's Lodge, 21a, Vankleek Hill. Wor. Bro. Morrison in the chair. The second degree was conferred. Bro. Morrison has the work well up, and is a faithful painstaking officer. The subordinate officers also did their part well. The lodge is sound financially.

On October 8th I visited Plantagenet Lodge. The night was disagreeable, owing to a heavy rain storm, and consequently the requisite number of members were not present to enable them to open the lodge. A meeting has since been held, and a resolution to move the lodge has been passed.

Doric Lodge: On November 2nd I visited Doric Lodge accompanied by the Rt. Wor. Bros. Taylor and Rea, and the District Secretary, Wor. Bro. Bangs. The Wor. Bro. S. A. Luke, W. M., presided. There were quite a number of visiting brethren present from other lodges. There was a raising, and I must say this sublime degree was sublimely conferred. The subordinate officers are exceedingly well up in their work and ably assisted the East.

Civil Service Lodge: On November 13th I visited Civil Service Lodge, Wor. Bro. H. P. Macdonell, W. M., presiding. There were two initiations, and the work was ably performed

by the W. M., who was very ably assisted by Wor. Bro. Roper, P. M. There was a good attendance of the members of the lodge, besides about forty visiting brethren, including the D. G. M., Rt. Wor. Bro. Bell, of Manitoba, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Franchot, P. G. J. W. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. After the degrees had been conferred the lodge called off for refreshments, and adjourned to an adjoining room where the W. M. and his Wardens had prepared an excellent supper. There an hour was spent in speeches, songs and recitations, after which the J. W. called the lodge back to labor, and the business of the lodge was concluded. On the 12th of February, 1895, by special invitation, I visited this lodge a second time, and had the pleasure of witnessing the working of the lodge by the newly-elected officers. The W. M., Wor. Bro. Saunders, conferred the third degree in a most pleasing and highly satisfactory manner; in fact, all the officers did their work well. The Rt. Wor. Bro. Maingy, is a most indefatigable Secretary; and too much credit cannot be given him for the active part he takes in this lodge.

Bonnechere Lodge: This is a new lodge which I organized at Eganville on November 20th. On my way there I was joined at Renfrew by Rt. Wor. Bro. Barr, Wor. Bros. Muir and Mayhew and Bro. Pareault. On my arrival at Eganville I found the new Master lying ill in bed. He was in a very weak condition, but able and willing to talk with me for an hour, and give me the information I desired regarding the new lodge. I found the lodge-room handsomely fitted up and furnished; in fact, both myself and my Renfrew friends were agreeably surprised at the progress made by our Eganville brethren. Nine members were present. The ceremony of organizing the lodge was duly performed, in which I was ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Barr, and Wor. Bros. Bliss, Muir and Mayhew.

Renfrew Lodge: I returned to Renfrew by the 3 p. m. train and remained over to visit the lodge. During my stay in this town I was the guest of the Rt. Wor. Bro. David Barr, whose kindness and attention on the part of himself and family I shall not soon forget. The brethren occupied their new lodge-room for the first time. It is large and appropriately and prettily furnished. The attendance was not quite up to the average, according to the Tyler's register. I was very much pleased with the personnel of this lodge. The officers seem very well up in their respective duties. At the close of my address I was followed by the Rt. Wor. Bro. Barr, Wor. Bros. McKay, Craig and Dickson, each making appropriate speeches. A vote of thanks was tendered your representative.

It is the intention of this lodge to have dedication services shortly. It is in good financial standing.

Mattawa Lodge: On the 21st November, I proceeded to Mattawa where I arrived at 8 p. m. I proceeded at once to the lodge accompanied by the Wor. Master, Bro. Jno. McKay, who had met me on my arrival. As I anticipated from previous information, I found a most charming lodge-room, with all the most modern appointments and possessing the nucleus of a good Masonic library. The attendance was fair considering the distance many of the brethren are obliged to travel. I did not witness any work, as the candidates for degrees did not present themselves. The work of opening and closing in the several degrees was creditably performed and the books are satisfactorily kept. In fact I may say that the Secretary, Bro. A. N. Grasswell, is an exceedingly bright capable officer, and we all know the importance of having a good Secretary. At the close of the lodge, the Junior Warden requested the brethren to follow him to an adjacent room where a very sumptuous supper had been prepared. After enjoying its good cheer the brethren separated. The great success of this lodge has been largely due to the Rt. Wor. Bro. R. A. Klock, whose efforts on its behalf have been unsparing and interesting. This distinguished brother was prevented from being present on account of the illness of his wife.

Pembroke Lodge: It was my intention to have left Mattawa by the morning train for Pembroke in order to be present at the dedication services of the new lodge, but could not do so in consequence of the train being nearly five hours late. I arrived in Pembroke after 6 p. m., accompanied by several of the Mattawa brethren. The conversazione held in the Masonic Hall in the evening, and which was ably presided over by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, was a great success. The hall is very fine in every respect.

Plantagenet Lodge: On the 11th December I visited Plantagenet Lodge. The meeting was well attended and the work, which consisted in the confirming of the first degree, was well performed by the W. M. Bro. Franklin. This lodge is moving to Riceville, having obtained a dispensation for the purpose. The election of officers took place on the occasion of this visit. The Secretary, W. Bro. John Smith, is a most indefatigable worker and has done much to keep life in this lodge.

Fidelity Lodge: On December 18th I visited Fidelity Lodge, Ottawa, presided over by W. Bro. H. W. Wilson. There was a good attendance of members beside a large number of visit-

ing brethren, including the R. W. Bro. R. W. Stephen, R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea and R. W. Bro. David Taylor. I was received in the usual way, the grand honors being ably given by R. W. Bro. Rea leading. The work consisted of an initiation and a passing, and was ably executed by the Worshipful Master. This lodge, which a few years ago was reported weak, is, so far as I can judge, in a vigorous condition. The lodge was called off for an hour for refreshments. Speeches, songs and recitations were profusely supplied. The lodge was then called from refreshment to labor, and after a few questions were disposed of, closed in peace and harmony after a most enjoyable evening. Wor. Bro. Wilson is a good Master, and a fine warm-hearted Mason.

Madawaska Lodge: On the 11th February I visited Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, and was kindly received by both officers and members. On my arrival I was met by Bro. S. M. Johnson, a zealous Mason and a member of my mother lodge, whose guest I was during my sojourn in Arnprior. I was accompanied to the lodge by Bro. J. A. Macdonnell, who kindly called for me. There was a good attendance, and the officers were well up in the work of opening and closing in the several degrees. There were quite a number of visiting brethren present, including the Rt. Wor. Bro. George Tait, P. D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District; Wor. Bro. Macdonnell, P. M. of Civil Service Lodge; Wor. Bro. W. A. Bangs, of Caledonia Lodge, District Secretary, and others. The only work on the summons was the third degree, and by special request this sublime degree was conferred by the Rt. Wor. Bro. Tait in a manner exceedingly impressive and highly pleasing to all present. Very Wor. Bro. Hood is a very useful and active member of this lodge, and I am informed has done much to work the lodge up to its present high standing. The present Master, Wor. Bro. J. E. Thompson, is a very bright and active Mason and understands his work well. Wor. Bro. Moles, who, by the the way, is the popular Mayor of Arnprior, also contributes to the success of the lodge.

Builders' Lodge: On the 8th of March I visited Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, and was cordially received. The attendance was good and the work well performed. Wor. Bro. Huband is painstaking and very pleasing in the execution of his duties. This lodge is a strong one, and has an array of very active and distinguished brethren on its membership roll. At the close of the meeting a very pleasant time was spent in the refreshment room.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations issued by me: Goodwood Lodge, Richmond; Mississippi Lodge, Almonte; Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior; Bonnechere Lodge, Eganville; Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew; St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place; Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year: Bro. Philip Veal, Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa; Bro. John Bennett, Goodwood Lodge; Bro. A. Sinclair, St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place; Bro. George Stevens, Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior.

I trust that I have omitted nothing of importance. I mention this as some portion of my notes were lost or mislaid, and consequently I have been obliged to fall back on my memory.

I regret to say that the tabulated report is incomplete owing to returns not having been sent into me.

In conclusion I again thank the brethren of the district for the uniform kindness they have extended to me during my term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. ABBOTT JOHNSON, D. D. G. M.,
Ottawa District, No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Ottawa District, No. 16, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year		Decrease during year		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Admissions.		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. Work all degrees	Insurance.
			Increase during year	Decrease during year		Increase during year	Decrease during year						Admissions.	Restorations.							Emergent.	Total.									
196	Madaw'ska	Arnprior	57	4	1	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	21	36 00	4	10 00	Dec. 30, '94.	Good.	V. fav'r'bl	Yes	400 00
21a	St. John's.	Vankleek Hill.....	117	11	12	12	11	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	12	3	14	25	39 25	34	400 00	June 24, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Nil.
52	Dalhousie..	Ottawa.....	102	10	8	5	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	21	.....	32	250 50	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	1200 00
58	Dorion.....	Ottawa.....	95	4	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	2	10	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	198 35	Dec. 27, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	800 00
63	St. John's..	Carleton Place	80	5	0	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	13	3	16	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 29, '94.	Very go'd	Good.	Yes	1000 00
122	Renfrew ...	Renfrew.....	107	11	0	10	7	6	4	0	2	0	1	14	3	17	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	416 50	June 24, '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00
128	Pembroke..	Pembroke.....	69	3	3	3	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	12	5	17	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	50 00	Dec., '94	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	400 00
147	Mississippi	Almonte .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....
148	Civils'ryce	Ottawa.....	61	4	6	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	13	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	121 60	Dec. 27, '94.	.....	.....	Yes	Yes.
159	Goodwood	Richmond.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....
177	The Build'r	Ottawa.....	20	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	7	4	11	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	46 50	June 24, '95.	Fair	Not good.	Yes	None.
186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....
209	Evergreen.	Lanark.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....
231	Fidelity ..	Ottawa.....	63	10	9	7	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	14	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	88 25	June '95.	Good.	Good.	Yes	100 00
264	Chaudiere.	Ottawa.....	93	13	2	12	10	11	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	16	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	87 00	Dec. '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	150 00
371	Pr. of Wales	Ottawa.....	70	4	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	292 50	Dec. 27, '94.	Clear.	Fair.	Yes	200 00
405	Mattawa ..	Mattawa	76	0	7	5	2	3	1	0	1	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	67 50	June 24, '95.	Fairly good.	Good.	Yes	600 00

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I now have the honor of presenting you with my report on the condition of Masonry in Algoma Disirict, No. 17.

In Algoma we labor under the double disadvantage of irregular mails and magnificent distances, consequently if notices of meetings and other returns were not regularly received the blame was as likely to fall on the shoulders of the Hon. the Postmaster General as on the Lodge Secretary, and on account of the distance, it is impossible for the average D. D. G. M. to afford time for but one official visit to each lodge.

After informing the lodges of my election, and appointing Bro. J. M. Wemyss District Secretary, I next visited officially in the following order :

Fort William Lodge, No. 414, Forth William : I attended divine service with the brethren of this lodge on Sunday evening, Sept. 30th, 1895, and on Monday evening I visted them officially. They had just moved into a new hall, which then had not been dedicated. The Master, W. Bro. J. McLaren, though somewhat nervous, did his work very well. The minutes were not kept according to the Book of Constitution, and there was a large arrearage of dues. I am very sorry I have received no return showing the amount of work done by this lodge, as they have a fine field in a thriving town.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur : I visited there on the evening of October 2nd. This was the only emergent meeting I had to call on my trip, and I was unfortunate enough to choose a night when the Master, Wardens and Deacons were unable to be present, consequently I saw no work. R. W. Bro. J. A. Fraser assures me, however, that the Master and officers are capable. The books are exceedingly well kept, and the Secretary has been most regular in sending notices and reports. Arrearages here also great.

Pequonga Lodge, No 414, Rat Portage : I visited here on the evening of October 4th. There was such a long discussion on a point of order, I had time only to hear the lectures, which were well delivered. The minute-book was kept according to constitution, but the lodge had no separate Grand Lodge

account. The attendance was good. This lodge possesses an electrical genius in the person of its Secretary, consequently the impressiveness of the third degree is much enhanced. This was the only visit I made where an examination was required of me. Though much was taken for granted, I felt certain my examiner was a Mason. The arrearages in this lodge are enormous, but the amount has been increased by the addition of next year's dues.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin Mills, was visited on October 5th. I was very kindly accompanied over the lake by brethren from Pequonga, who procured the services of a ferry for my accommodation. Keewatin certainly possesses a jewel of a lodge-room. Has a splendid set of books well kept, and the attendance was more than good, and work well exhibited. I heard the Warden's lectures, and a candidate was also initiated. The arrearages in dues were also great in this lodge.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie: Mother Lodge, I visited on Oct. 9th, the W. M., W. Bro. H. A. Morrow, who was in a great degree responsible for the present flourishing condition of this lodge, had been unfortunately removed from town. The then Senior Warden and present Master gave his lecture, the hardest, in my opinion, to render intelligently, the most correctly I ever heard. Since his journey to the East W. Bro. Knight has been most faithful and untiring in the discharge of his duties. The books of the lodge are well kept, however, there is no separate Grand Lodge account. The Secretary of Keystone is the only one in the district that receives no further honorarium than remission of dues. The arrearages are lower than in any other lodge in the district, the average attendance of members best.

Speaking generally the Masonic lodge is a fair barometer of the business condition of its environments, and this is shown by the small increase in membership and the fearfully large arrearages of dues following the late universal business depression.

Except under circumstances of peculiar misfortune, I would most strongly urge on lodges to suspend at once for non-payment of dues, as being advantageous both to lodge and individual.

Most Worshipful Sir, this I must say, that my five lodges, scattered through a district larger than the rest of Ontario, with almost no opportunity of visiting, are a credit to the Craft, and second to none in personnel and tone, and that they belong to our Grand Lodge is, without shadow of doubt,

voiced by the correctness of their ritualistic work ; that this should be so, is indeed a credit to their intelligence, their industry and their inclination.

I am sorry to have to report that a petition for the formation of a new lodge at Schreiber had to be shelved on account of the impossibility of procuring a hall unused by other orders.

The one cloud on our horizon was the suspension, with recommendation for expulsion, of a member of Fort William Lodge, No. 415. The sentence seems to have caused some difference of opinion amongst the brethren of that lodge. I was requested to over-rule a decision of the Master, but sustained the chair, as I considered the motion the W. M. over-ruled to be an irregular mode of appeal. I sincerely trust that the principles of Masonry will be so trenchant as to soon allay all differences.

Dispensations have been granted for Fort William Lodge, No. 415, to attend divine service clothed as Masons, on Sept. 30th, 1894, and again on Dec. 30th, 1894, and also to Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, on June 30th, 1895.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, was the only one visited by the hand of death.

All my lodges, with one exception, responded promptly in the matter of travelling expenses. Would it, Most Worshipful Sir, be out of place here to recommend, as has been done in previous years, that the expenses of the D. D. G. M., in un-organized districts at least, be defrayed by Grand Lodge. To me it seems a hardship to have to call on the lodges for such, especially in a district like the Seventeenth, where lodges are few and travelling costly, not to mention the delicacy one feels at presenting an account seemingly for being well treated.

In concluding, Most Worshipful Sir, this my last official act, I must take the opportunity of expressing my heartfelt thanks for the care and attention I everywhere received while in the discharge of my duties, as well as to the brethren who, a year ago, elected me to this position of honor and trust.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. I. BRADLEY, D. D. G. M.,

Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'r'd			Athlitions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. Work all degrees	Insurance.
		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.							M. M.											
287 Shuniah...	Port Arthur...	98	5	3	4	5	4	1	...	3	...	...	13	417	17	\$60 00	42	493 15	Dec. 27, '91.	Sound.	Good.	Yes	800 00
412 Keystone...	Sault Ste. Marie	94	5	2	3	4	5	2	...	2	...	...	14	216	27	261 40	12	57 00	June 24, '91.	Good.	Bright.	Yes	650 00
414 Pequonga...	Rat Portage...	89	3	1	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	113	215	20	5 00	34	589 30	June 21, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
415 Ft. Will'm.	Port William.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Yes	400 00
417 Keewatin...	Keewatin	61	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	13	...	19	219 00	Jan., '95	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00

NIPISSING DISTRICT, No. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

I have the honor to present to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in this district.

Soon after my election I appointed Bro. J. F. Fisher as District Secretary, to whom I am under many obligations for his efficient services so cheerfully rendered.

I have officially visited each lodge in the district, some of them twice.

The following is a brief account of my official visits, with dates and comments.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury : Visited this lodge on their regular meeting, Thursday, Nov. 7th, 1894, and had a very pleasant time. They have a very neat new lodge-room and held their first meeting in it on my visit. Two candidates were initiated into the first degree, and the work was a credit to any lodge. There were thirty members present, W. Bro. Orr in the chair. I may further state that the books are well kept, and everything appears to be flourishing in Masonry.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay : Visited this lodge Thursday, Nov 8th, W. Bro. J. T. Lovell in the East. The work was in the first degree and was well done by the Master, who was ably supported by the Wardens and other officers. The attendance was good. Most of the members are railway employees and have long hours but I am informed they always have a good attendance. They were talking of moving more into the centre of the town. Their furniture is good and the lodge-room in good order, and although their Secretary had moved from North Bay, I found the books well kept.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst : I paid my official visit to this lodge on their regular meeting, Monday, Nov. 12th, 1894, and a very fair representation of the brethren were present. The W. M., Bro. Allen, was absent (but I afterwards met him at Sundridge), W. Bro. Mowry was in the chair, who raised one candidate to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, which was exceedingly well done. They had just been painting and cleaning their lodge-room so were a little late in starting at that time, and as they had the election

of officers, it made it late when we got through. I again visited this lodge (by request) on the 10th December, 1894, and installed the officers, when I found the lodge-room very comfortable and furnished very neatly.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: I visited this lodge Nov. 13th, 1894. There being no work, the W. M., Bro. Bettes, and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees very correctly. The attendance is good, and they all appear to take great interest in their lodge. Their lodge-room is one of the best furnished in the district. As I have had the pleasure of meeting quite a few of the brethren in other lodges, I know that the work is well done. Here I met R. W. Bro. Huber, P. D. D. G. M., and when I inform you that he is the Secretary of the lodge, you will know that the books are well kept. This last year they have had quite a lot of work and are in a very prosperous condition.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: My first visit to this lodge was Nov. 21st, 1894. Just before leaving home I received a letter from the Master of this lodge informing me that it was impossible for him to be with me, but that he had asked W. Bro. Allen to take his place. W. Bro. Allen was there to meet me, and conferred the third degree very correctly. We had not a very large attendance, and some of the officers were absent. As the Secretary had left Sundridge I could not go over the books that night. I again visited this lodge (by request) December 27th, 1894, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Huber, and installed the officers and had a large attendance, quite a number from Burk's Falls. I paid another official visit to this lodge February 20th, 1895, and found the W. Master and his officers in their places and a very good attendance. The work was in the second degree and was exceedingly well done. The W. Master was ably supported by his Wardens and Deacons, and I found the books of the Secretary very well kept, and the lodge financially is in good standing. The brethren living in Burk's Falls are still anxious to have a lodge there, but the brethren at Sundridge are opposed to it, so that till the brethren of the two places come to some mutual agreement nothing can be done, and as Strong Lodge is now making rapid progress in Masonry it would be a pity to have anything interfere with the effort that is being made to make the lodge a success. At the same time I know that the brethren at Burk's Falls are laboring under great disadvantages, and I trust in the near future a lodge may be established at Burk's Falls.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: I made my official visit to this lodge February 6th, 1895. This was the coldest day we had last winter. Notwithstanding this the brethren turned out nobly and gave me a hearty welcome. As there was no work the lodge was opened and closed in three degrees, which was done in a workmanlike manner by the W. M., ably assisted by his officers. The Secretary is a painstaking officer; books very neatly kept. This lodge owns the hall and lodge room, and will soon have the building free from debt.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: I was requested to install the officers of this lodge December 27th, 1895, but as I had promised the Sundridge brethren to be with them the Huntsville brethren very kindly procured a dispensation, so that I was with them on the 9th January, 1895, installed the officers and had a very enjoyable evening. We had quite a number of visiting brethren. As this is the lodge to which I have the privilege to belong I have not very much to say, only that the lodge is in a very flourishing condition, have moved from their old lodge room into a new brick block in the center of the village, and have furnished it all anew.

Algonquin Lodge, U. D., Emsdale: A dispensation having been granted by the M. W. Grand Master to hold a lodge at Emsdale, I, on June 4th, 1895, assisted by W. Bros. Reice, Torrey and Grant and a number of brethren from the district, opened this lodge. After I had opened the lodge and presented the letters of dispensation, the W. M. and his officers opened and closed in the second and third degrees and have the work up to the mark. They have procured suitable and comfortable rooms. They already have work, and as this is the junction of the Grand Trunk and Parry Sound Railways, they will have quite a large territory. Before I left they had an insurance of \$200 on their furniture. I believe this lodge has a bright future before it. I wish it every success.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst, asked for dispensation to hold a Lodge of Instruction on June 12th, and which I granted, but owing to the poor railway accommodation, the brethren from the north found it would take three days to go and get back, so it was decided to postpone it.

I have issued a dispensation to Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, to attend divine service on June 23rd; also to Granite Lodge, Parry Sound, for the same purpose and on same date.

In conclusion I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of Nipissing District for the kind and fraternal manner in which I have been received in every lodge, and the pains they have taken to make my visits among them as

pleasant as possible. I have endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully and to the best of my ability. I trust that my successor may spend as pleasant a year as I have.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

THOMAS J. SACRET, D. D. G. M.,
Nipissing District, No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1895.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership.	Degree's conf'r'd	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
352	Granite	Parry Sound	58	3	1	1	1	2	2	13	5	18	15	\$25 00	6	13 00	Dec., '94	Fair.	Good.	Yes.	Yes.
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	46	6	...	6	7	6	1	...	1	...	...	...	11	14	14	10 00	4	47 25	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes.	Yes.
376	Unity	Huntsville	50	...	8	8	8	7	0	...	4	4	...	...	10	12	10	...	13	111 40	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes.	Yes.
409	Gold'n Rule	Gravenhurst	39	...	2	1	2	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	12	13	12	...	18	160 25	June, '95	Good.	Good.	Yes.	Yes.
420	Nipissing	North Bay	50	...	2	1	1	1	...	1	4	...	...	...	12	15	12	...	...	...	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes.	Yes.
423	Strong	Sundridge	48	4	...	4	5	7	...	1	4	...	...	...	13	20	17	10 75	...	...	Dec., '94	Good.	Fair.	Yes.	Yes.
427	Nickel	Sudbury	71	40	4	10	9	14	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	91 00	Dec., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes.	Yes.
431	Algonquin	Emisdale	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	9	...	...	...	...	Good.	Good.	Yes.	Yes.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board recommend that a Warrant be issued to Bonnechere Lodge Egansville, Ottawa District, No. 16, to be numbered 433, and to Algonquin Lodge, Emsdale, Nipissing District, No. 18, to be numbered 434.

Both the above lodges have been working under dispensation for some time, and from the progress they have been making the Board believe they will become strong and vigorous in the near future.

Fraternally submitted,

L. SECORD,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. Secord, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

1st. The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Printing and Supplies, have examined the following accounts, and finding them correct, and in accordance with the terms of contract, beg to recommend the same for payment:—

Spectator Printing Co., less paid on account \$1,000..	\$184 82
Copp, Clark & Co., certificates.....	500 00
Toronto Evening Telegram, stereotype plates, ceremonies.....	25 00
R. Duncan & Co., binding, etc.....	15 60
J. Eastwood & Co., stationery	50 98
Total.....	\$776 40

2nd. The Board desire to congratulate Grand Lodge on the fact that the objectionable small type (*vide* Grand Master Gibson's annual address) has been almost entirely superseded in the last printed Proceedings of this Grand Body by a larger, clearer and more distinct letter. It may reasonably be expected, therefore, that fewer complaints will be heard in future regarding the injurious effects upon the eyesight of the brethren, consequent upon the perusal of the printed record of proceedings. Indeed, the contrast has been so marked, as to call forth the following encomium from M. W. Bro. Robbins, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:—"This timely suggestion bore fruit, and we congratulate the Grand Lodge of Canada, with selfish joy, that the journal of its

proceedings is printed in excellent type, and upon the generally fine appearance of the volume. The report on correspondence, which was already in print, forms a striking contrast to the journal, its type being as diminutive and eye-ruining as anything issued by the Grand Lodge of Illinois in the ante-reform days "

3rd. The cost of the Proceedings of last Annual Communication, for supplying 1700 copies, 418 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp., was \$530, a sum much below the amount paid in years past. The contractors, it may not be amiss to remark in this connection, are carrying out, both in spirit and letter, their contract, to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Secretary and the Board.

4th. As usual the reports of the different Sub-Committees, ordered to be printed, will have the close attention of the Board, who hope to have them in the hands of the brethren when they are presented for approval of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. S. DEWAR,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been regularly paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and the receipt acknowledged by that officer. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer, as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transactions in his office.

The total receipts have been.....	\$19,710 34
Expenditure	17,238 24

Balance.....	\$ 2,472 10
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The receipts last year were \$18, 991.15, leaving a balance in favor of this year of \$719.19.

The expenditure last year was \$16,478.26, leaving a balance against this year of \$759.98.

The funds of Grand Lodge on 31st May, 1895, were as follows :

London Loan Co., of Canada. 4 per cent.....	\$10,000 00
Huron & Erie Loan Co., 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.....	15,000 00
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.....	10,000 00
Canada Permanent Loan Co., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.....	10 000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co., 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.....	10,000 00

Landed Banking & Loan Co., 4 per cent	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.....	5,000 00
Canadian Savings & Loan Co., 4 per cent	5,000 00
Owen Sound, Grey & Bruce Loan & Savings Co., 5 per cent.....	5,000 00

\$75,000 00

Current account:

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, 3rd June, 1895.....	11,575 01
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\$86,575 01

making the investments as follows:

In London.....	\$35,000 00
In Hamilton	15,000 00
In Toronto.....	20,000 00
In Owen Sound.....	5,000 00

\$75,000 00

Balance in Bank.....	11,575 01
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\$86,575 01

which amount represents balance at the credit of the following accounts:

General Fund	\$72,531 26
Asylum Fund	14,043 75

\$86,575 01

The Board have examined the following accounts, and finding them correct, recommend their payment:

Report on Foreign Correspondence.....	\$ 100 00
Massey Music Hall, rent.....	150 00
Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals to 31st May, 1895.....	114 50
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals.....	500 00
Grand Master on account travelling expenses.....	200 00
Grants to Benevolence	8,570 00
Chairman Committee on Benevolence, postage..	15 00

The Committee on Printing and Supplies having reported that the following account are correct, the Board recommend their payment:

Telegram Office, stereotype plates of ceremonies....	\$ 25 00
R. Duncan & Co., binding, etc.....	15 60
J. Eastwood & Co., stationery, etc.....	50 98
Copp, Clark & Co., certificates.....	500 00
Spectator, on account of contract	\$1,184 82
Less paid on account.....	\$1,000 00

184 82

INVESTMENTS.

A number of the Debentures held as investments by the Grand Lodge became due and payable at certain dates before this meeting of Grand Lodge, namely:

Landed Banking & Loan Co., of Hamilton, Nov. 1, 1891....	\$ 5,000
Canadian Savings & Loan Co., of London, Nov. 1, 1894.....	5,000
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., of London, Nov. 1, 1894	5,000

London Loan Co., of London, Nov. 1, 1894.....	10,000
Huron & Erie Loan & Saving Co., of London, Jan. 1, 1895....	15,000
Total.....	\$40,000

It was deemed advisable by the M. W. the Grand Master that some action should be taken in the matter either by re-investment or by having the said Bonds paid at maturity. By his direction a meeting of the Finance Committee was called in the city of Toronto, on December 15, 1894, the following brethren being present: The M. W. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, R. W. Bros. T. Sargent, F. Martin, W. F. Miles and E. Abbott Johnson.

The Grand Secretary stated that in accordance with the instructions of last Grand Lodge, he had obtained the legal opinion of Mr. John Crerar, Q. C., of Hamilton, and M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Q. C., of Toronto, as to the position of holders of debentures with depositors in the event of the winding up of any of the companies which issue debentures and accept deposits, both of these opinions being that they both were upon the same basis in case of any liquidation.

The Grand Secretary having asked the several companies having debentures maturing what interest they would allow for reinvestment, or in case of the committee not deciding to reinvest, what interest they would allow on deposit until the meeting of Grand Lodge, when the matter could be finally determined, he received the following answers:

Huron & Erie Loan & Savings Co., renewal debentures $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ for 2 years or longer. On deposit $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.

Landed Banking & Loan Co., renewal debentures $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ for 5 years. On deposit 4% .

Canadian Savings and Loan Co., renewal debentures $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. On deposit 4% .

London & Loan Co., renewal debentures $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ for 5 years. On deposit 4% .

Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., renewal debentures $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ for 5 years. On deposit $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.

The Committee after deliberation were of the opinion that as the investments of Grand Lodge funds was one of importance, it would be advisable that the whole matter of the said investments be discussed at a full meeting of the Board of General Purposes, and that Grand Lodge then by vote should direct the investment of said funds. It was then unanimously resolved: "That the moneys now maturing on debentures, and to mature before the next meeting of Grand Lodge remain on deposit with the several companies concerned until after the meeting of Grand Lodge on the terms stated in the letters from the respective companies." The Board recommend that the investment of Grand Lodge funds be entrusted to a Standing Committee consisting of the M. W. Grand Master, the President of the Board, the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Chairman of Finance, with power to consult a solicitor.

In reference to a communication from the D. D. G. M. of the Niagara District, suggesting that new warrants be issued free of cost to St. George, No. 15; Maple Leaf, No. 103, and Temple, No. 296, St. Catharines, their old ones having been destroyed, the Board cannot recommend that the request be granted, as the lodges were insured and Grand Lodge has always decided against any issue free of cost.

The Board cannot recommend payment of a claim of Prince

Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, for \$90.14 for expenses incurred during the trial of Bro. J. G. McPherson, in St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS SARGANT,

Chairman Sub-Committee Audit and Finance.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Sargent, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, beg to report that they have received 281 applications, which have been dealt with, as follows, viz. :

141 applications from private lodges, of which
130 have been granted, amounting to.....\$4,130 00
11 applications have been refused.

140 applications were received through Local
Boards of Relief, 131 of which have been
granted, amounting to..... 3,550 00
9 have been rejected.

By special grants of Grand Lodge—

To Mrs. Wilson.....	150 00
To Miss Mary Wilson	300 00
To Miss M. H. Harris.....	75 00
Special grant to Mrs. W. B. Simpson.....	100 00
Direct grants to Local Boards of Relief.....	315 00

Total grants.....	\$8,620 00
Amount granted in 1894 was.....	9,385 00

Decrease in 1895.....	\$ 765 00
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Returns have been made by all the local boards except Brantford. Returns from lodges, No. 166, 274, 388 alone are wanting, and it is a disappointment that any should be lacking.

Seventy-six lodges, receiving grants from Grand Lodge, contributed \$2,905.08, whilst nine only contributed nothing. The Local Boards of Relief which have reported have contributed \$2,369.85.

During the year 1894 the sum of \$14,759 93 was expended in benevolence by Grand Lodge and the lodges receiving grants that have made returns, as follows :

Grand Lodge grants through lodges.....	\$ 4,920 00
“ “ “ local Boards.....	3,650 00
“ “ “ special	700 00
“ “ to local Boards	215 00
Grants made by 76 lodges	2,905 08
Grants made by local Boards	2,369 85

Total.....	\$14,759 93
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The Board again recommend that the second semi-annual payment of each grant not reported upon, be dependent upon the inquiry and favorable report of the investigating officer appointed by Grand Lodge.

The Board fully recognize the good work performed by the General Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

The Board desire to express their gratification at being able to report that the lodges and the brethren generally have shown a commendable zeal in preparing carefully and correctly the applications that have been presented for relief. The officers of lodges in most cases evidently desire to assist the Committee on Benevolence in every possible way.

This being the fortieth annual communication of Grand Lodge, the Board, in order to inform the brethren of Grand Lodge of the large amount of moneys appropriated for purposes of benevolence in proportion to our revenue, submit the following :

In the period from the institution of Grand Lodge until the 1st of January, 1865, a total sum of \$37,569.29 was received by Grand Lodge from all sources, and only the trifling sum of \$1,687.86 was expended for benevolent purposes.

During the second decade, ending on the 1st day of January, 1875, the sum of \$109,361.30 was received, and during the same period \$35,192.87, or 32.2 per cent. was expended in benevolence.

During the third decade, ending on the 31st day of May, 1885, the sum of \$155,670.02 was received, and the sum of \$86,771.42, or 55.8 per cent., was expended in benevolence.

During the fourth period of ten years, ending on the 31st day of May, 1895, the sum of \$184,427.69 was received, and the sum of \$94,432.50, or about 50½ per cent., was expended for benevolence, or 44½ for the whole period of forty years.

All special grants for benevolent purposes are included above.

Total grants for benevolent purposes of \$218,084.65 out of a total revenue of \$487,028.30 during the forty years of the existence of Grand Lodge, must be a subject of gratification to every member of Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. HARDING,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board of Benevolence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board beg to report as follows :

A question was referred to the Board arising out of the objection of a certain candidate, on his initiation, to yield to the prescribed method of administering the obligation, he contending that an affirmation on his part should take the place of our particular form and phraseology, and refusing to seal the obligation in the usual manner.

The Board recognize that while Masonry respects the conscientious beliefs of all creeds, and condemns no man for or on account of his particular religious opinions, it constrains none to accept its tenets or teachings, and the Board consider the refusal of a candidate to conform to any of our usages, even though he may fancy in but one of the minor details, as much an objection to his reception as though he declined to accede to any other of the rites and ceremonies, and as the candidate in this case refused to conform to the requirements of our ritual the Board recommend that, the W. M. having honestly erred in proceeding with the initiation, no further degrees be conferred on this candidate unless he brings his opinions into harmony with the Masonic view of the questions in difference, and in this recommendation we follow the ruling of the M. W. the Grand Master in a similar case in 1885.

Fraternally submitted.

J. C. HEGLER,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Jurisprudence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

 REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board have had the following cases of grievances and appeals before them, and beg to report as follows :

(1) In the matter of Arkona Lodge, No. 307, *vs.* Nelson George. This is a charge of adultery, refusing to support his wife and family and larceny of lodge funds. As will be seen in Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1894, page 254, your Board recommended that Bro. Nelson George be summoned to appear before this Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled for the offences charged.

Evidence is before us that Bro. George was duly summoned to show cause as aforesaid, and having made default your Board recommend that Bro. Nelson George be expelled from the Craft for the offences proved.

(2) In the matter of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, *vs.* W. Bro. Robert McGregor—assault and battery with intent to do bodily harm on the person of his ward, Gertrude McGregor, a child of nine years of age.

Abundant evidence is before your Board of almost brutal treatment on more occasions than one, of this little girl by the said brother, and for which offenses he was tried by the police magistrate of his town and upon his plea of guilty was punished. He was regularly tried by his lodge, found guilty, suspended indefinitely, and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion.

Your Board recommend that Bro. Robert McGregor be summoned before next Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled for the offences charged.

(3) In the matter of Bruce Lodge, No. 341, *vs.* Bro. Thomas B. Miller :

Adultery and seduction of a Miss Edith Nice, a pupil of Bro. Miller's then attending his school.

The evidence of the offence charged is clear and uncontradicted, and although Bro. Miller was duly notified of all the proceedings in his lodge against him, he failed to appear or offer any defence. His lodge tried him, found him guilty, suspended him indefinitely, and recommended him to Grand Lodge for expulsion. In this your Board concur, and recommend that Bro. Thomas B. Miller be summoned to appear before the next Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for the offences charged.

(4) In the matter of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie, *vs.* Bro. W. C. Tait :

Repeated acts of cruelty to his wife and children and desertion of the same. Bro. Tait was tried by the lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion.

Your Board have learned that such desertion still continues, and the several lodges in and near Barrie, contributed charities to the brother's wife and children, and finally raised sufficient funds to send wife and children to their people in Scotland.

Your Board therefore recommend that Bro. W. C. Tait be summoned to appear before next Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for the offences proved.

(5) In the matter of Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, *vs.* Bro. Thomas Paddon :

Unmasonic conduct in holding Masonic communication with clandestine Masons in the city of Kingston, and in becoming a member of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Bro. Paddon was tried by Cataraqui Lodge, and although summoned, failed to appear.

It appears, however, that the Worshipful Master did not raise the lodge to the third degree, but proceeded throughout in the first degree.

This is in contravention of clause 19 respecting Masonic trials (page 87, edition of 1894), which states that "the decision as to guilt or innocence and the question of punishment *shall* be severally determined in and by a lodge of Master Masons."

The evidence discloses the fact that one fellow craft Mason sat in lodge and voted upon the question of guilt or innocence and the degree of punishment.

The constitution in the provision quoted seems to be imperative.

Your Board are therefore of the opinion that the proceedings are inoperative and recommend that the matter be remitted back to

Catarauqui Lodge for further and proper action, if they are so advised.
All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES H. BURRITT,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE SO CALLED GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT:

The Board having received from the M. W. the Grand Master a verbal statement that he had been approached by authorities representing the organization called the Grand Lodge of Ontario, with the view of having the members thereof healed and recognized as Masons within this jurisdiction, on the understanding that the said Grand Lodge should cease to exist, recommend that a special committee of the Board be appointed, which shall be authorized to treat with the members of the said organization and agree with them if possible in the terms on which the object sought for may be accomplished, and that the said committee shall have full power to dispose finally of the whole matter, and that the committee consist of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Past Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario be received and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT:

We stand on the shore of a vast ocean and observe the waves break at our feet and then go out far to sea again. We could not stop them

if we would, they are beyond our power, our control, thus it is with our friends, they to-day are near to us, then they go out on the sea of death, we would fain stretch out our hands to keep them, but it is useless, the force which no one can control has them in its grasp, the all-powerful enemy, death, has claimed them as victims. A great French wrestler once said, "Oh death if thou wert a man what short work I would make of you;" but great powerful and strong as he was, he knew how impotent he was to grapple with the monster, and so, we too, recognize our utter feebleness before this monarch whose dominion is world-wide, but our Craft teaches that it is only in this world; that beyond the Jordan death's sovereignty ends, and that indeed there is a land where parting is unknown, and the word "farewell" is never uttered. There is no grandeur, no magnificence, with which Paradise is associated in our minds, that can give such pleasure in contemplating as the thought, that there will be no separation there, and that indeed "it is a haven of peace where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." This is the thought paramount in our minds to-day as we pay our last tribute of respect to our "fraternal dead." We know that they are indeed at rest, and "though dead they yet speak," they speak by the example which they have left us in words and actions. Our Craft is founded on "the volume of the sacred law" and though some of us are not entirely orthodox, there is one figure that stands our clear and bright against the world, challenging the admiration and love of mankind, Jesus Christ, and to-day in this connection there are two events in His life which we wish to mention as we consider our "fraternal dead," namely, that sorrow is made dignified, it is rendered divine in those words which have been a solace to many, which have cheered many an aching heart, "Jesus wept."

Again, in life and after death we should be charitable as regards our brother's faults. This observation brings us to the second event which we desire to mention. It is that when those came before Him and affected a virtue and a morality which they did not possess and asked Him to pass sentence upon the sinner detected in sin, that He raised His eyes and looked with compassion upon the sinner, and said: "Let him without sin cast the first stone." To-day we re-echo that voice that sounded clear and bright and beautiful over eighteen hundred years ago, and say to you, let the brother without sin cast the opprobrium—begin the criticism on his poor sinning brother. You who know not what it is to be tempted, assist your fallen brother, and we know full well that when it comes to the judgment, that some grand noble Mason, who has found favor in the Master's sight, will take his brother who has erred in his arms, lift him up high, and say, "this is my brother, for whom the world has proven too strong, have Thou mercy upon him." This is what Masonry teaches and what we should intensely feel as we consider the serious subject "the fraternal dead."

No. 3, London District, loses the kindly counsels and the good example of M. W. P. G. M. Col. Moffat, who died in the city of London in September last. He was made a Mason in Scotland, and affiliated with a London lodge shortly after his arrival in this country. He took an active interest in Masonry, and in his life-time was Master of three different lodges. He held the office of D. G. M. of the G. L. of Canada for two years, and at the conclusion of that period was elected G. M. He was in every sense of the word a true Mason, and

his memory will be ever cherished among us. His advice, which was always kindly given, was ever on the side of right truth and honor.

“Peacefully he sleeps, with all our Rights adorned,
Forever honored, and forever mourned.”

Huron District misses the genial, kindly R. W. Bro. Judge Toms, who occupied the responsible position of D. D. G. M. for two years. He died leaving behind a name known throughout the country for honorable dealing between man and man. As a judge he was respected for his palpable fairness; his place will be hard to fill. As Masons, we are bereft of his counsels, and we will miss his judicial learning and training at our annual communications.

There is a void in the St. Clair District by the death of R. W. Bro. Dr. David Armstrong, P. G. C. He took a keen, active interest in Masonry, and his voice was heard at our annual communications in support of what he believed to be right, or in strong denunciation of what he surmised to be wrong. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and his scholarly attainments were the admiration of all. For some of the reforms which have been accomplished in Grand Lodge, we are indebted to our deceased brother, and there will be many who will feel sorrowful when they reflect that the good-hearted, witty Dr. Armstrong will be here no more.

Toronto District mourns the loss of R. W. Bro. Fred. J. Menet, who died on April 4th. Our deceased brother always took a great interest in Masonry, and few were as popular and respected among their brethren as he.

This District also loses R. W. Bro. Dr. Davies, who was Principal of the Normal School. Our reverend brother was highly esteemed among the brethren of the Craft, and to the world he was a shining example of true Masonic life.

V. W. Bro. H. B. O'Connor, of Teeswater, was taken from District No. 5 by death on the 20th of October, 1894. He died at the age of 76, universally regretted.

The Hamilton brethren mourn the loss of Bro. W. W. Summers, who for the long period of thirty-three years was Tyler of the lodges of that city. He knew all the city brethren, and they will miss his familiar face. Of him we may say:

Life's race well run,
Life's toil well done,
Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest.

Wilson District, No. 6, mourns the loss of R. W. Bro. W. McKay, of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, P. D. D. G. M., who died in Detroit, Michigan, February 27th, 1895.

District No. 12 loses V. W. Bro. Yeoman Gibson, a brother who commanded the esteem and respect of all the brethren. He died in Whitby, on December 28th, 1894. His loss is mourned not only by members of the Craft, but by all the citizens of the town where he resided for years.

V. W. Bro. Robert Struthers, of St. Catharines, is among the list of deceased brethren from No. 10 District. He enjoyed the confidence of his brethren, who sincerely mourn his decease.

District No. 15 is bereft of the presence of V. W. Bro. Walter Kerr, P. G. D. of C., who died while visiting in Europe in March last. He rendered valuable aid to the Craft, and he will be sorely missed.

These, my brethren, are a few of our number who have "crossed the river" since our last communication in Hamilton. To the families and friends bereaved, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and we recommend that their names be inscribed on the memorial pages of the proceedings of our communication set apart for that purpose.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEORGE C. DAVIS,

Chairman Sub-Committee on "The Fraternal Dead."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. C. Davis, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

CALLLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, 18th July, at 10.30 o'clock, forenoon.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 18th July, A.D. 1895.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10.45 a.m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C., on the Throne.

GRAND OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives of this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 351 warranted lodges on the Grand Register; 206 are represented by their duly qualified officers; 88 are represented by proxy; 20 are not represented by proxy, but have Past Masters present, and 37 are unrepresented in any way. There are 757 names registered, having a total vote of 1,345.

The Committee recommend that the D. D. G. M's. furnish the Credentials Committee with the places of meeting of their respective districts, thus enabling them to furnish very necessary information.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. B. HUNGERFORD,	} Committee.
WILLIAM ROAF,	
WILLIAM REA,	

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, and

Resolved,—That the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Committee on Credentials for the very satisfactory manner in which they had discharged their onerous duties.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE MASONIC ASYLUM FUND.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada :

At the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, held at the city of Hamilton on the 18th and 19th days of the month of July, 1894 the following resolution was passed :

“*Resolved*,—That the Board of General Purposes be requested to report at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge the objects for which the Asylum Fund was formed, and the best means to be adopted for carrying these objects into effect.”

The Board, after fully considering the said resolution and the several reports of the committees and resolutions of Grand Lodge relating to said fund, cannot more clearly state the object for which the said fund was formed than by quoting from the report of the Committee appointed to consider and report on the memorial presented to Grand Lodge by St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto, recorded at page 191 of 1861 :

For the erection of “an Asylum where the indigent and decayed Mason, his bereaved widow and his helpless orphan, may enter, not as into an institution where the feeling of dependence almost aggravates distress, but as into a home provided by Masons who, by the goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe, have been blessed with a continuance of means, for those who, from unforeseen and unavoidable causes, are plunged into the depths of poverty and want, but who are nevertheless brethren, and brethren whose claims to the appellation are in the true spirit of Masonry enhanced by misfortune.

The Board, before reporting the best means to be adopted for carrying these objects into effect, have sought to discover the reasons why the undertaking has thus far been a failure.

One reason which in the opinion of the Board militated against the success of the undertaking more than any other, was the apparent desire of the promoters to have Grand Lodge enter upon the building of the Asylum without first raising a sufficient sum as an endowment, so that the yearly interest thereof should be sufficient to pay all the expenses of the Asylum when erected. The more prudent and

cautious among the brethren of Grand Lodge being apprehensive that, should the Asylum be built by Grand Lodge without first providing an adequate endowment, the funds of Grand Lodge available for the purposes of benevolence would be swallowed up in maintaining the Asylum, and thus preventing Grand Lodge from assisting deserving applicants who were unable to become inmates thereof.

The Board find that the great majority of the applicants for the benevolence of Grand Lodge would not be able, and few would be willing, to avail themselves of the aid of Grand Lodge, if they were compelled to become inmates of a Masonic Asylum.

On the 9th day of July, 1873, the Masonic Asylum Trust presented a report to Grand Lodge, setting forth the condition of the fund, and the different sources from which the capital of the said fund had been derived, and from this report the Board find that thirty lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge contributed \$1,615.06; seven lodges and one chapter now under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec contributed \$370.50, less refunded Shawenegan Lodge \$48.00, \$322.50; And the balance of the capital was made up by a direct grant from the funds of Grand Lodge (see page 551 of report 1864 and 84 of 1865) of \$2,000.00. Total capital, \$3,937.56.

The names and numbers of the lodges and chapters contributing to the fund are appended hereto, numbered one and two.

After the separation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec from the Grand Lodge of Canada, the moneys contributed to this fund by the seven lodges and the Stadacona Chapter were directed to be returned to them by the Grand Lodge upon application, but except in the case of Shawmegan Lodge. This has not been carried out.

No organized effort appears to have been made to secure subscriptions from individual brethren at any time, nor does any such subscriptions appear to have been made, and no contribution from any source appears to have been made after 1873, and the fund now consists of the above capital sum and the accumulated interest, and amounts to the sum of \$14,043.75.

The Board considers that Grand Lodge should not undertake the building of an Asylum until after a sufficient endowment fund is provided.

The Board, after careful perusal of the reports of Masonic homes in the United States, and the various modes adopted in securing the erection and maintenance thereof, believe that in order to raise the necessary funds for the endowment and building of said Asylum, it would be necessary for Grand Lodge to assess each member of the subordinate lodges 50 cents per member per annum for a sufficient number of years to raise the necessary amount, supplemented in the meantime by a thorough and vigorous canvass of all the individual brethren throughout the Province for subscriptions. That brethren be encouraged to subscribe by making every brother a life member of the Asylum Trust who subscribes \$100 or over, payable in five yearly payments, giving such brother one vote in the management of the endowment fund and the Asylum when erected for each \$100 subscribed and paid, and the right to devise his life membership to his son or son-in-law, if a Mason, or to some Masonic Lodge; also giving one vote for each \$100 subscribed or contributed by any lodge or Masonic body.

The Board having complied with the request of Grand Lodge in furnishing the above information, desire to express the opinion that

in the present state of the matter it is inadvisable to undertake the erection and maintenance of the Asylum, but that it is expedient to make every effort to increase the grants of Grand Lodge under the present system; and with that object in view, and in consideration of the fact that of the brethren who belonged to the lodges which originally contributed to the fund very few now remain among us, the said lodges be requested to consent that the amounts so contributed be transferred to the general funds of Grand Lodge, and thus make available for benevolent purposes the income derived from the investment.

The Board have no hesitation in making this suggestion, because the funds which were then subscribed would now, if an Asylum had already been built, be used for the maintenance and comfort of the very brethren whom we would thus be enabled to assist by increased grants.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. HARDING,

Chairman Sub Committee on Masonic Asylum Fund.

APPENDIX.—No. 1.

LIST OF LODGES IN ONTARIO CONTRIBUTING TO THE MASONIC ASYLUM FUND.

St. Clair District, No. 2.

Victoria	Lodge, No. 56	....Sarnia	.....\$ 31 00
Beaver	" "	83....Strathroy29 00
Cassia	" "	116....Thedford25 00
Burns	" "	153....Wyoming20 00
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			\$105 00

London District, No. 3.

St. George's	Lodge, No. 42London\$ 41 25
Albion	" "	80....Newbury33 00
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			\$ 74 25

South Huron District, No. 4.

St. James	Lodge, No. 73St. Mary's\$ 10 00
Clinton	" "	94....Clinton115 00
Lebanon Forest	" "	133....Exeter55 00
Tudor	" "	141....Mitchell13 00
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			\$193 00

Wilson District, No. 6.

Norfolk	Lodge, No. 10Simcoe\$ 60 50
St. John's	" "	68....Ingersoll17 00
King Hiram	" "	78....Tilsonburg68 50
Wilson	" "	113....Waterford57 00
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			\$203 00

Wellington District, No. 7.

Grand River	Lodge, No. 151Berlin\$ 20 00
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Hamilton District, No. 8.			
Harmony	Lodge, No. 57....	Binbrook.....	\$ 20 00
Georgian District, No. 9.			
Corinthian	Lodge, No. 96....	Barrie	\$ 82 56
Toronto District, No. 11.			
Western Light	Lodge, No. 13....	Bolton	\$ 23 00
St. Andrews	" " 16....	Toronto	161 00
Corinthian	" " 51....	Grahamsville	25 00
St. John's	" " 75....	Toronto	280 56
Wilson	" " 86....	Toronto	50 00
True Blue	" " 98....	Albion	25 00
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			\$554 56
Ontario District, No. 12.			
Corinthian	Lodge, No. 101....	Peterboro.....	\$ 65 75
Prince Edward District, No. 13.			
St. John's	Lodge, No. 17....	Cobourg.....	20 00
Percy	" " 161....	Warkworth.....	20 00
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			\$ 40 00
Frontenac District, No. 14.			
Prince of Wales	Lodge, No. 146....	Newboro	30 00
Ottawa District, No. 16.			
Doric	Lodge, No. 58....	Ottawa.....	80 00
Corinthian	" " 58....	Ottawa.....	100 00
Mississippi	" " 147....	Almonte.....	37 00
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			\$217 00

APPENDIX.—No. 2.

LIST OF LODGES AND CHAPTERS IN QUEBEC CONTRIBUTING TO THE MASONIC
ASYLUM FUND.

Dorchester	Lodge, No. 4 ..	St. John's.....	\$102 50
Nelson	" " 8...	Phillipsburg	53 00
Harington	" " 49....	Quebec	36 00
Hoyle	" " 60....	LaColle	25 00
Stanbridge	" " 117....	Stanbridge	35 00
Yamaska	" " 130....	Granby	26 00
Shewenagan	" " 134 ...	Three Rivers	73 00
Stadacona Chapter,	" 13....	Quebec.....	20 00
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			\$370 50

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding,

That the report of the Board on the Masonic Asylum Fund be received and adopted.

It was moved in amendment by W. Bro. Walter Barwick, seconded by R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs,

That the report be referred back to the committee with instructions to amend same by recommending that a committee of five be

appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master, whose duty it shall be during the interval between this and the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to inquire into the question of establishing an Asylum as contemplated when the Asylum Fund was created, and to report upon the best means of carrying this object into effect.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge, and declared *carried*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro Wm. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The task of reviewing the reports of the eighteen District Deputy Grand Masters is not a light one. It requires careful reading in order to give one an intelligent idea of the condition of Masonry in the various districts. We find it impossible to properly cover the ground, as, up to the present time, several districts have not yet reported, notwithstanding the fact that the Constitution requires all returns to be in fourteen days before the meeting of Grand Lodge. We also regret the absence of statements in some cases and incomplete statements in others. The Secretaries of the erring lodges are blamed, as the D. D. G. M.'s find it almost impossible to receive answers to communications from a great number of lodges, and are, therefore, compelled to forward the statement in an incomplete form. A special effort in the future to have all statements complete and in the hands of the Grand Secretary in due time will be greatly appreciated, and will be of great assistance to the Board. We are under obligations to those D. D. G. M.'s who furnished tabulated statements. They have been of great assistance to us.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It is but fair that we should give some space to the brethren who have had the welfare of the districts in their charge during the past year. For the last four or five years it was our boast that no lodge in our jurisdiction was neglected. The indefatigable and painstaking D. D. G. M. had cheered all with his presence and encouraged them with words of counsel and instruction. Grand Lodges to the south of us have held up our D. D. G. M.'s as an example of brethren who appreciated the trust reposed in them. We regret that the same attention has not been given to all the lodges during the last year; 35 of them have not had the pleasure of a visit from the Grand Master's representatives; 35 lodges out of 351 may appear trifling, but it is as well to check the matter at once, than to have an increase in the number next year. We mention this matter with the best of intentions, and not as a reflection on any of the D. D. G. M.'s, as, no doubt, good and sufficient reasons can be given by all of them. It is a plain matter of duty, and one which we intend to perform honestly. In all fairness we must state that the neglect is confined to only a couple of districts. The remaining sixteen have been well looked after.

London District has been unfortunate in its choice of D. D. G. M.,

who left them without completing and without leaving a record of his work. The M. W. the Grand Master placed the Grand Junior Warden in charge, who by his energy and skillful management, succeeded in inspecting 24 out of the 27 lodges in less than three months, thereby enabling him to present a report teeming with information and advice. His views on the selection of D. D. G. M.'s are worthy of perusal. As the R. W. Brother has performed the duties of D. D. G. M., we recommend that Grand Lodge confer on him the rank of P. D. D. G. M. We note that some of our representatives made their official visits without giving due notice of the same. This practice we do not endorse. We can see no reason why an opportunity should not be given the brethren to make a presentable appearance. A large attendance will encourage not only the officers of the lodge, but the D. D. G. M. himself.

The views expressed by the different D. D. G. M.'s, as to the management of a district, will be food for reflection to the incoming rulers. Time will not permit a reference to all the reports, but a passing glance at those of St. Lawrence and Erie will prove beneficial.

In St. Lawrence, the D. D. G. M. insisted on the W. M. and officers exemplifying the degrees. He delivered a short address on the duties Masons owe to the Craft, the lodge and the world. He claims that there is a tendency to give greater attention to the ceremonial side and to neglect the social and fraternal.

The Erie D. D. G. M. not only examined the officers in ritual work, but gave explanations and instruction on balloting, and on different ceremonials, usages and customs in connection with lodge meetings. He invited questions and discussions on constitutional matters, and found that it resulted in better officers and created enthusiasm among the members. We feel satisfied that by the adoption of the above course of proceedings, much valuable time will be saved the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. In all the reports due praise is given to P. D. D. G. M.'s, for the efficient state of the districts and the valuable assistance, advice and counsel given to the present incumbents of the office. We can readily understand the cause of our prosperity, when we find that P. M.'s and P. D. D. G. M.'s have not lost their interest in Craft work, and that they are constant attendants at lodge meetings, taking part in the work, and even acting as secretaries of lodges.

Our attention has been drawn to a point which we direct the attention of Grand Lodge. A great diversity of opinion exists among the D. D. G. M.'s regarding certain portions of the secret work. It also appears that the previous D. D. G. M. has left his impress on the district, which conflict with rulings of those of the R. W. Brother in charge for the year. An end should be put to all this controversy, and as uniformity in every part of the work is desirable, we endorse the recommendation of the Erie D. D. G. M., that the Grand Master appoint a committee to instruct the D. D. G. M.'s immediately after their installation in Grand Lodge.

We regret that our advice of former years regarding the necessity of holding Lodges of Instruction is still unheeded. We do not propose to again point out the benefit to be derived from such meetings, but will content ourselves with recommending a perusal of our previous reports, and also to note the excellence of the work in districts where Lodges of Instruction are held. The following D. D. G. M.'s are entitled to every consideration for efforts put forth in this direction,

viz., Erie, St. Clair, North Huron, South Huron, London, Toronto and Ontario.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

We can congratulate Grand Lodge on continued prosperity. The increase in membership has not been large owing to the fact that the lodges in the majority of the districts are being conducted on business principles; the brethren therein have to pay their dues or be suspended. With a few exceptions we find that peace and harmony exists within our borders; that the brethren are enthusiastic, and are ruled over by capable and proficient officers.

The visits of the G. M. and D. G. M. throughout the various districts have been productive of much good. Contact with these illustrious brethren has been the means of creating among the brethren a greater love for the institution and for one another; and an increased attendance at lodge meetings. In every report is to be found evidence of the love and esteem in which these brethren are held. An examination of the reports will show the standing of the districts as follows:

Erie District has not in any particular degenerated from the high standard accorded to it by the previous D. D. G. M.'s. The membership has increased and the prospects are very bright.

There appears to be a slight decrease in membership in St. Clair District, but with two exceptions the lodges appear to be prosperous and are ruled over by competent Masters.

London District is in a fairly prosperous condition, showing that in recent years its affairs have been wisely administered by earnest and capable D. D. G. M.'s. The Master and Past Masters are entitled to great credit for the success of various lodges. The district appears to be too congested, not only are there too many country lodges but the city is overcrowded.

South Huron shows material progress and a considerable increase in membership.

Throughout North Huron Masonry maintains its even tenor conditions. In numbers the returns show a slight decrease. This is due to the vigorous weeding out of the non-producers, and a settled determination to free the membership from those who allow themselves to drift into such a state of arrears of dues as to prevent their remaining in active membership with comfort to themselves or satisfaction to the brethren. So that without any noticeable variations in membership, Masonry is more thriving and healthy than at the beginning of the year.

Although Wilson District shows a slight decrease in membership, the condition is excellent. The lodges are ruled by capable Masters, and are supported by well and truly P. M.'s and faithful subordinates. The attendance at lodge meetings in most cases is exceptionally good, and zeal and enthusiasm in the cause of Masonry is the crowning feature. The exchanges of visits between lodges have been frequent, thus blending the main objects of the meeting with the mutual interchange of fraternal feeling and social intercourse.

Wellington District shows an increase in membership, and the prospects for the future are very favorable.

There are no grievances in Hamilton District. It keeps up its reputation for harmony, benevolence and fraternal feeling. They have only one lodge with poor prospects, and on the whole the condition is excellent.

Good attendance at meetings of lodges, with two exceptions, is noticeable in Georgian District. There has been a general increase in membership; a hearty interest in Masonry is maintained in the whole district, and the lodges are in a fair financial standing.

Unfortunately the D. D. G. M. of Niagara District has not been able to visit all his lodges, but from the tabulated statement which the brother has, after persistent demands on the secretaries, succeeded in putting together, we find an increase in membership; less dues outstanding, and that the Masters are capable and energetic. We, however, trust that the district will not be allowed to lapse into the unenviable position it occupied a few years ago.

In Toronto District the year's work has been excellent in all lodges with two exceptions. The Past Masters are still taking an active interest in the work, and show their appreciation by being regular in their attendance. It is owing to this fact and the good work of P. D. D. G. M.'s that the district is in an efficient and progressive condition. There has been no increase in membership.

Notwithstanding the almost unprecedented financial depression which has prevailed during the year, Masonry has not only held its own in Ontario District but there has been a slight increase in membership, and an increase also in lodge attendance. It is gratifying to report the continued existence of harmonious relations between the various lodges, and that nothing has transpired to mar the harmony and pleasure of the members of the Craft.

The lodges in Prince Edward District are strong and active save one lodge, and that one is not altogether idle. In both quantity and quality the year's work has been excellent, and the membership has increased five per cent. We are pleased to find well-earned praise given to the lodge secretaries. They are all painstaking, careful and prompt. Where you find a prosperous lodge, there you will find an active Secretary. The welfare of the lodge is in his keeping.

In Frontenac District we find a decrease in membership. The Masters are well skilled, and on the whole the prospects are fair.

We can congratulate Ottawa District. With one exception, there exists the most perfect harmony. Not a single complaint has been made, and in only one lodge did the D. D. G. M. find any trace of unkind feeling. All the lodges had a fair amount of work.

The five lodges in Algoma are scattered over a district almost as large as the rest of Ontario. They are a credit to the Craft, and second to none in the jurisdiction. The work exhibited is a credit to the intelligence and industry of the members. The returns show a small increase in membership.

Nipissing appears to be prosperous, and shows a small increase in membership, with a new lodge working under dispensation.

ARREARAGES OF DUES.

Notwithstanding the general success in the cutting down of arrears, brought about by strict attention to the constitution, and the election of secretaries who are alive to their duties, and to whom great credit is due, there is still considerable work to be done before perfection is attained. We believe that the publication in detail of lodges in arrears, and of those who have succeeded in their efforts, has acted as an inducement to all for renewed exertions, and in the hope of greater and better results, we will trespass on the time of Grand Lodge by giving a short sketch in detail of our review. The only novel reason given for arrearages, and it is possible there may be

something in it, comes from Prince Edward D. D. G. M., who says the only drawback is the arrearages of dues which arises from the great prosperity of the lodges. The lodge-rooms, with one exception, are models of comfort and elegance. There is no pressing demand for funds and the result is a financial policy of masterly inactivity. His advice, however, to the lodges on this question should be followed.

In Algoma District, we find Keewatin, 417, has arrearages amounting \$261, while one third of the membership of the whole district is in arrears.

The Hamilton District shows total arrearages amounting to \$3,022.35, extending from \$22 to \$115 a lodge.

Toronto District, with its 30 lodges, has a record of \$5,449.22 of arrearages.

Alpha, 384, heads the list with \$693.45; Rehoboam, 65, with \$623.60; St. John, 75, \$510 00; while Robertson, 292, allowed the mortgage on its hall to be foreclosed when its dues in arrears would have greatly reduced the debt.

In North Huron, Teeswater, 270, has the largest arrearages in the district.

Arrearages of dues is the blot on the London District. Union, 380, with a membership of 75, fell into debt a few years ago. More than half its members are in arrears, which, if collected, would almost wipe out its indebtedness, but the lodge has one great redeeming feature. We find they are noted for the extent of the benevolent grants.

Prince of Wales, 71, has 26 out of 42 members in arrear. St. Davids, 302, 53 out of 90.

St. John's, 209a, has arrearages of \$540, while one brother in Moffat, 399, owes \$19.50. This lodge should be censured, and not the brother.

The total arrearages in the whole district is \$3,113.67.

Before leaving London, we wish to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the contention of the Secretary of St. John, 20. He takes exception to questions sent out by Grand Lodge with regard to the total arrearages and the number of brethren in arrear. He claims that all this is the business of the lodge, so long as Grand Lodge dues are paid. We disagree with the brother, and consider that Grand Lodge has a right to an inspection of all books and accounts, and to ask for information on any matters connected with the lodge or its government. It is the duty of the D. D. G. M. to find out in what particular the lodge is weak, and which weakness, if not checked, will lead to its death, and to suggest the remedy, and endeavor to have his suggestion carried out.

It is a pleasure, however, to present Grand Lodge with a magnificent increase in the number of lodges with not one cent of dues in arrear. They are worthy of notice and emulation, and are as follows:

St. John's, 17; Colborne, 91; Harris, 216; Stratford, 332; Mount Zion, 28; Henderson, 383; St. Lawrence, 313; Port Elgin, 429; Moravian, 431; Hanover, 432; Doric, 424; Georgina, 343; Markham Union, 87; St. Andrews, 16; Wilson, 86; York, 156; Zeta, 410; Belmont, 190; St. Marks, 94; Parmer, 372.

IMPROVEMENT IN LODGES.

It is a pleasure to notice the great improvement made during the

year by several lodges. It is almost impossible to pick out all who have improved, but those worthy of note are as follows:

Dufferin, 291, is an example of love for the Craft, and what an earnest endeavor to make most of one's opportunities can accomplish. Their custom is to visit other lodges in the district, thereby doing themselves good, and helping and encouraging others. If other lodges would indulge in this missionary work, we would have less complaints of lack of interest.

St. Thomas, 44, now claims to be the banner lodge of the district—long may it continue so.

True Blue, 98, has very promising prospects since its removal to Toronto District.

Moravian, 431, comes up to all expectations. The brethren are indefatigable in their efforts to make it a success.

Strong, 423, is free from our attacks. We are pleased to hear of its prosperity.

Cornwall, 125, has its dues well looked after. Its future prosperity is assured.

Lancaster, 207, is advised to have a change in its W. M., and he recommends the Secretary for the position. We question the wisdom of the advice. Far better to give good advice as to the qualifications which a brother requires to fill the exalted office, and leave it to the good sense of the members to choose one to fill the bill.

We are glad to note that Minerva, 304, is not now a training-school for P. M.'s, as one D. D. G. M. termed it. Its W. M. and officers are from the locality of the lodge. They are enthusiastic and doing good work. Long may it enjoy its prosperity and may every blessing surround it, as we notice it supports the widow and family of a deceased brother.

Durham, 306, is in a new hall and prospering.

The prosperity of Marmora, 222, is due to its enthusiastic members, many of whom drive twenty miles to the lodge meeting, and are regular in their attendance.

Robertson, 292, has been removed to another part of the district since the foreclosure of the mortgage. The prospects now look like a successful career.

Georgina, 343, was in a worse condition than Robertson, 292, before its removal; only six members in attendance at the time of visit of D. D. G. M. The Grand Lodge dues had not been paid for years and was in debt generally.

By a unanimous vote at a subsequent meeting it decided to move the charter to the city of Toronto. It is now located in the north-west part of the city, immediately surrounded by a population of about 60,000. Since its removal 13 candidates have been initiated and several brethren affiliated, with about 10 applications for initiation balloted for and accepted. It has paid off all its indebtedness, bought new furniture, and has \$200 in the treasury.

Mount Zion, 39, has young, energetic and intelligent officers, and the dues are better collected.

Moore, 284, is on the high road to prosperity.

WEAK LODGES.

We have no desire to publish, year after year, the weak lodges of the jurisdiction, but when it is remembered that our list has been a great help to the new D. D. G. M.'s, and enables them to give special attention to those lodges, and when the yearly returns show the weak

lodge of last year among the progressive ones of this, we are persuaded that our work has not been in vain, and that adherence to our policy will enure to the benefit of the Craft, and enable us to withstand the attacks of those who object to statistics.

In Erie District, Florence, 390, requires special attention. Its membership has been decreasing every year. Poor attendance and lack of enthusiasm characterizes it.

In Hamilton District the revival of Waterdown, 357, in 1893, was only spasmodic. There is a probability that the charter will be surrendered.

Walker, 321, is in a very indifferent state. Eight meetings held with only enough members to form a quorum. It is, however, in fair financial state, but its W. M. is unable to take charge of the work. The lecture given to the members by the D. D. G. M. will not soon be forgotten. The installing board should have been censured.

In London District, Prince of Wales, 171, cannot succeed; there is a great lack of accommodation for visitors, while the decreasing population is slowly but surely drying up this honorable and once prosperous lodge. The D. D. G. M. should bring about an amalgamation with Warren or Cameron.

Henderson, 388 is not up to the mark. We trust it is only a temporary weakness, and that it will soon resume its old place in the van of progress.

In Toronto, St. George, 367, must be termed weak. There appear to be two antagonistic parties in the lodge, and the brethren are afraid to bring in candidates. There has been only one initiation in eighteen months. If the unhappy difference arising out of election matters could only be buried, the lodge would be the most prosperous one in the city. The D. D. G. M. who brings about the happy result will place the city under deep obligations to him.

In North Huron, Hanover, 432, started in 1894 under circumstances regarded as favorable. The hope then entertained has not been realized. The zeal and activity necessary for a satisfactory development is confined to a few who are insufficiently supported.

The D. D. G. M. should give Teeswater, 276, a helping hand.

In Niagara District the prospects of Seymour, 277, are not bright, although they have a comfortable lodge-room.

In Wilson District we still recommend that Vienna, 237, and Oriental, 181, amalgamate. They are in close proximity, and both have a very small average attendance, with no prospects of increase. A union will be beneficial.

In St. Lawrence District, the members of Macoy, 242, have lost ambition. The Grand Lodge dues are in arrear. If the right man could be found to take charge, he could easily put it on a good footing.

St. James, 74, will improve when removed as contemplated.

In Georgian District, there is an entire want of interest shown by the members of Simcoe, 79. Unless there is a sign of improvement, the D. D. G. M. should ask for a surrender of the charter.

If Seven Star, 285, expects to remain in existence, it must make its meeting place more in keeping with the dignity of the Order. An approach to a lodge-room by a ladder, through an upper window, will throw a damper on the ardor of any D. D. G. M. who has to make the ascent. The public will not respect an Order with such surroundings. It is a case of stopping all work until the place of meeting is put in a respectable condition.

In South Huron we find no weak lodges, but the D. D. G. M.

should insist on Lebanon Forest, 133, procuring a new lodge-room, as the work can be heard in the ante-room (if you can call it an ante-room). Work should be stopped until greater security is provided.

In Prince Edward District, although Mystic, 278, is not retrograding still the prospects are not bright. It should amalgamate with Stirling, No. 69, where there is a better field, and the brethren desire another year's trial. We ask the D. D. G. M. to give special attention to this case.

In Ontario District we find Norwood, 223, is not very much improved; it has been retrograding for several years; the dues are not collected; the W. M. is not competent. We look for improvement before the end of the year.

WORK.

We have already referred to the working of the degrees in the various districts, but regret to say that for the first time in five years we are called upon to notice the increase in W. M.'s who cannot work the several degrees, and if their respective lodges were not blessed with capable P. M.'s, there would be danger of getting on the list of weak lodges. The number of incompetent Masters is small, but we object to any incompetent W. M.'s, and cannot understand how they obtained their rank if the members of the Examining Board honestly performed their duties. We will not particularize the lodges this year, but give warning that the names of all offending W. M.'s, and of the lodges, will appear in next year's report. We have also been struck with the number of instances given of absence without a sufficient excuse therefor. A reason for such absence may be inferred. A word of warning—don't let it occur again or you will certainly appear on the list of incompetents.

We regret, however, that three secretaries have had complaints made against them.

We notice that the leniency of the D. D. G. M., of South Huron, toward the Secretary of New Dominion, 205, prevented him from completing his tabulated statements.

We are sorry to note that the Secretary of Kilwinning, 64, was charged with being discourteous to the W. M.'s representative, in not allowing him to examine the books, etc., of the lodge. "Peculiarities of temperament" is the excuse offered. With all due deference to the acting D. D. G. M., if the charge be correct, the production of the books should have been insisted upon. "Peculiarities of temperament" may, in future, bring about unpleasant consequences.

We are willing to accept any excuse for apparent negligence of secretaries in answering correspondence, and draw the attention of the Grand Master to the fact that the Algoma D. D. G. M. exonerates his secretaries and places the whole blame on the shoulders of the Hon. Postmaster-General. No doubt the M. W., the G. M. and the D. G. M., will have this matter remedied during the coming year.

Before closing, and in order to illustrate to W. M.'s the importance of their position, we desire to cite the case of the W. M. of Zeta, 410, who, in the commencement of his year, moved to Buffalo. Notwithstanding such removal, he regularly attends all meetings of his lodge, showing that he is true to the obligation which he assumed, and to the trust reposed in him.

INSURANCE.

We are pleased to note the great improvement in the matter of

insurance. With a very few exceptions all the lodges have their buildings and effects properly insured. We sympathize with St. George, 15, Maple Leaf, 103, and Temple, 296, in the great loss suffered by them in the burning of the Masonic Temple. We are pleased, however, to note that the Temple is rebuilt, and that the insurance money has enabled the brethren to refurnish their hall.

GRIEVANCES.

The Toronto District sends the following grievances: A member of one of the lodges received the first and second degrees in Ireland, and the third in Toronto. The lodge has been paying Grand Lodge dues for him, but are unable to procure a certificate for him from the Grand Secretary. We are satisfied that the Grand Secretary has no power to give the certificate demanded. If we are not mistaken, a somewhat similar question came before Grand Lodge some years ago, and after discussion M. W. Bro. Klotz was appointed to draft a form of certificate for the Grand Secretary to meet such cases, as it was felt that the brother was entitled to some document which would show his standing. We recommend that some brother be appointed to act with the Grand Secretary in devising a form of certificate which will fill the want.

VISITS OF LODGES.

We are pleased at the improvement in the interchange of visits between lodges, also at the good feeling which exists between our lodges and those of our jurisdictions to the south of us, caused by the interchange of visits between Doric, 316, and a lodge from Buffalo, and the Chatham lodges with one from Detroit. On each occasion an exemplification was given of the work in use in the lodges of the American visitors. It was an education for our brethren, enabling them to hold intelligent views on the difference in work as practiced in both countries. If we are to judge by the remarks made by the representative of the Erie District the love for the work as practiced by us has not been lessened, but on the contrary, the expression of opinion is in favor of the home work for impressiveness and Masonic teaching.

NEW LODGES.

We note an addition to our number of lodges—Algonquin of Emsdale, in Nipissing District, working at present under dispensation. This village is situate at the junction of the Grand Trunk and Parry Sound Railways, and appears to have a large territory for its operations. Bonnechere Lodge, at Eganville, is also working under a dispensation. The Committee on Warrants will no doubt do justice to these applications.

CONCLUSION.

We feel grieved that it is impossible to present you with a complete review owing to the absence of a couple of the reports. We have, however, in the short time allotted to us, given you a faithful record of the doings in our jurisdiction during the past year. Our position in the Masonic world is still something to be proud of. On the whole, we enjoy a fair measure of prosperity, notwithstanding the hard times we are passing through. Our lodges are ruled by capable and enthusiastic brethren; Grand Lodge is ruled over by a brother of eminent ability, who can be depended on to do everything in his power to keep us in the van of Grand Lodges on this continent. It

remains for us, one and all, to give the world practical illustrations of the teachings of our Order, and thus demonstrate its usefulness and right to an existence in this practical age. It has been truly said by a learned writer "that it is not what we profess, but what we do, that bears fruit," and the practical results of Freemasonry are best seen in deeds of charity and acts of love. May the blessing of Heaven be with us in all our deliberations, and may the spirit of love and kindness be found in all our dealings with one another.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Condition of Masonry.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board have much pleasure in congratulating Grand Lodge on the prosperous state of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction as attested by the M. W. the Grand Master and by the events which he has named in his able and interesting address.

It has been frequently urged by learned Masters in the past that the lodge-rooms used by the brethren should accord with the dignity of the Craft, and should be convenient and easy of access, and your Board are much pleased to observe that the brethren throughout the jurisdiction are acting upon the suggestions made, and are providing rooms specially constructed and fitted up for the use of the members. Whether or not it is expedient to act upon the suggestion of the M. W. the Grand Master with respect to the organization of joint stock companies for the purpose of erecting buildings, must depend upon the circumstances of each particular case in which the question arises and must be decided on business principles.

The Board are pleased to observe that the Book of Ceremonies which has been prepared has been found useful.

The question of physical qualifications for membership in our Order, referred to by the M. W. the Grand Master, has been fully considered by Past Grand Masters, particularly by M. W. Bro. Henderson, in the year 1880.

While there is much in the argument or contention of the M. W. the Grand Master that commends itself to the common sense and reason of the members of the Craft, we cannot ignore the fact that we are as regards many matters bound to act in accordance with the laws, customs and traditions handed down to us. This question of

physical qualification is one of these matters. The rule laid down by M. W. Bro. Henderson is easily understood, and having been adopted by this Grand Lodge must, the Board conceive, be a guide to the members of the Craft in dealing with this question until it is altered, if it can be, by Grand Lodge.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in alluding to the subjects which are to be brought before Grand Lodge, refers to the practices of permitting work other than that authorized in private lodges. It is well perhaps that there should be a distinct understanding as to the law on this matter.

The Board are of opinion that no regular work can be permitted in any of our lodges which do not possess a special privilege except that authorized by Grand Lodge.

The case referred to by the M. W. the G. M. with respect to the authority of the D. D. G. M. to permit the removal of a lodge from one place to another within his jurisdiction seems to indicate that further legislation in this respect is necessary. The D. D. G. M. of Toronto District, your Board is informed, permitted the transference to the city of Toronto of a lodge in the district which had formerly been outside the city without asking the permission of the city lodges to do so. The constitution appears to sanction this exercise of authority, but the Board is convinced that such a proceeding on the part of D. D. G. M. was never anticipated when the constitution was passed. A new lodge cannot be established without the consent of one half the lodges in his jurisdiction (see 5,256), and the transference of an old lodge to a locality is in effect the establishment of a new lodge in that locality. The spirit of the constitution would seem to require in such a case the same consent as would have been necessary for the establishment of a new lodge in the place to which the old lodge has been transferred.

The Board fully concur in the strictures of the M. W. the G. M. in canvassing for office. This practice has already been condemned by Grand Lodge. Your Board concur in the hope that this evil has not extended to Grand Lodge and never will.

The Board approve of the action of the W. M. the G. M. with respect to the investments of Grand Lodge and has already in its report on finance indicated its opinion as to the course which Grand Lodge should pursue in future in respect to investments.

The Board feel that it is justified in expressing its appreciation of the activity and diligence of the Grand Master in the performance of his duties during the past year, and cordially endorse his remarks respecting the Deputy Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

R. T. WALKEM,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Grand Master's Address.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved.—That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESENTATION TO M.
W. BRO. THE HON. J. M. GIBSON, P. G. M.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario :

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last session of Grand Lodge wherein it was decided to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. the Hon. John M. Gibson, in recognition of the exceedingly satisfactory manner in which he discharged the duties of the high and responsible office of Grand Master during the two years of his administration, we communicated with the Worshipful Master of Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, who aided us materially in placing his lodge at our disposal for the purpose of making the presentation. A special meeting of Strict Observance Lodge was called for December 31st, 1894. Representatives from every lodge in the city of Hamilton as well as 100 members from Vetsland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto, were present at the meeting.

We procured a sterling silver candelabra and an illuminated address, which were presented to the illustrious brother on behalf of Grand Lodge.

The address read as follows :

THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,
A. F. & A. M.

To M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q. C., M. P. P., Past Grand Master :

At the recent session of Grand Lodge we were appointed to present you with a suitable testimonial in recognition of the very satisfactory manner in which the duties pertaining to the position of Grand Master were performed by you during the past two years. As the mouthpiece, therefore, of Grand Lodge, it is our pleasant duty to convey to you the fraternal regard of all its members and their estimation of your skill and ability as a ruler in the Royal Craft. Your singular ability, courteous manner, and strict attention to the affairs of Grand Lodge, have earned for you the lasting gratitude of your brethren. The designs and plans drawn by you on the moral tracing boards will prove of inestimable value to the workmen in the formation of character and conduct which will redound to the welfare of the Craft. During your occupancy of the Grand East the Grand Lodge prospered, its membership increased, and the members worked together in love and harmony. The honors conferred on you by the representatives of all Grand Lodges on this continent, assembled in deliberation at the Masonic Congress last year in the City of Chicago, was a fitting tribute to your ability as a Masonic student, and was hailed with joy by all Canadians in whose hearts you are firmly entrenched. On behalf of Grand Lodge we ask your acceptance of the accompanying testimonial, which will not only remind you of the honorable position you occupied in the Craft, but of the high estimation in which you are held by your brethren, as expressed by them in the following words: "Grand Lodge has ever had reason to be proud of its Grand Masters, and it is not too much to say that none of that illustrious line has been more thoroughly revered or better beloved."

May the Great Architect of the Universe spare you to us for very

many years to come, and confer upon you and your family every happiness and prosperity.

Fraternally yours,

J. ROSS ROBERTSON, P. G. M.,	} <i>Committee.</i>
WM. GIBSON, D. G. M.,	
E. T. MALONE, P. D. D. G. M.	

Hamilton, Dec. 21st, 1894.

The Most Worshipful Brother replied as follows :

R. W. SIRs AND BRETHREN,—It would be surprising if I were not deeply impressed by the address and presentation of which you have just made me the recipient. The Grand Lodge could not have been more happily represented on such an occasion than by your two selves, R. W. Sirs, and though I have a distinct recollection of a particular time when I could have felt very much happier if “one of the two charmers were only away,” that fact renders your united presence here this evening all the more agreeable. I am not vain enough to consider myself deserving of the two complimentary expressions which are contained in this address, although I believe this presentation and the beautiful form of the address are the outcome of a very strong fraternal regard on the part of Grand Lodge for one who was for two years their honored Grand Master. My experience as Grand Ruler was a happy one, there not having been a whisper of discontent nor the slightest trace of jarring or discord during my time. All has been peace and harmony. I have thoroughly enjoyed the performance of my duties. Routine work and office business have been made easier by a determination on my part to transact same properly. Wherever I have gone the most considerate regard for my official position has been shown, and on all occasions I have been able to feel that independently of my rank and representative capacity my receptions were characterized by warmth and heartiness of feeling on the part of the brethren. The special distinction shown me at the Masonic Congress at Chicago, while naturally regarded by me as a very high honor, must be attributed to the manifest desire on the part of the eminent brethren who composed that Congress to testify their cordiality and fraternal consideration for our Grand Lodge. The chief regret felt by me is that through multiplicity and pressure of other duties I have been unable to visit as extensively as I could have desired. In the discharge of my official functions my aim has been with all earnestness to exhort the brethren to live out their professions and obligations, showing to the world that Masonry is not a mere sham, meaning nothing, but on the contrary a system of morality with decidedly religious bearings, pregnant throughout with lessons of the most real and practical nature; and in speaking thus I never failed to strike a responsive chord on the part of brethren whom I addressed. The great kindness and consideration shown to me on all occasions will ever be remembered by me with emotions of gratitude and pride, and, Right Worshipful Brethren, I wish to assure you that the presentation now being made shall never cease to be regarded by myself and my dear wife and family as a most highly prized and treasured heirloom. And now having passed from the Grand East and transferred the symbols of office to my successor, while taking my place among your honored Past Grand Rulers, let me express the fervent wish that his term of office may prove to be similarly happy and enjoyable, and that the career of our Grand

Lodge may continue in the future as in the past to be one of practical business methods, always conserving what is good, while solicitously planning and legislating in the best interests of the Craft and securing the approval and admiration of the Masonic world. Once more, Right Worshipful Sirs, with all my heart I thank you.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. GIBSON,	} Committee.
J. ROSS ROBERTSON,	
E. T. MALONE.	

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, and upon their report, the following were declared duly elected as officer-bearers for the ensuing term, namely :

M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q.C...Pembroke...Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M.P ..Beamsville ..Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen....Toronto....Grand Senior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. J. B. Rankin.....Chatham....Grand Junior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. Rev. E. H. Mussen.Aurora.....Grand Chaplain.
 M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....Hamilton....Grand Treasurer.
 R. W. Bro. Wm. McKellar.....Stratford...Grand Registrar.
 R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.....Hamilton...Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge,
 Bro. Wesley Lattimer, Belleville, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin, Woodstock.
 R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Pembroke.
 R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Stratford.
 R. W. Bro. W. T. Toner, Collingwood.

Subsequently, the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term, namely :

R. W. Bro. G. C. Davis, London.
 R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, Kingston.
 R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.
 R. W. Bro. T. Sargent, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. E. S. Wigle, Windsor.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their

respective Districts, and were approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. Bro. J. B. Carscallen..	Dresden	Erie	Dis. No. 1
R. W. Bro. Robt Scott	Petrolia.	St. Clair	" 2
R. W. Bro. W. W. Rutherford..	Aylmer	London	" 3
R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden..	Stratford	South Huron	" 4
R. W. Bro. Jas. Walmsley..	Warton.	North Huron	" 5
R. W. Bro. G. J. Fraser	Woodstock	Wilson	" 6
R. W. Bro. James S. Dewar..	Clifton	Wellington	" 7
R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden..	Hamilton	Hamilton	" 8
R. W. Bro. R. E. Fletcher	Barrie.	Georgian	" 9
R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartle.	Niagara Falls.	Niagara	" 10
R. W. Bro. Richard Dinnis..	Toronto.	Toronto	" 11
R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood.	Peterboro	Ontario	" 12
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dench	Trenton.	P. Edward	" 13
R. W. Bro. F. S. Wartman..	Colebrook	Frontenac	" 14
R. W. Bro. O. Bascom.	Kemptville	St. Lawrence	" 15
R. W. Bro. A. Hood.	Arnprior.	Ottawa	" 16
R. W. Bro. A. More.	Fort William.	Algoma	" 17
R. W. Bro. A. A. Mowry.	Gravenhurst.	Nipissing	" 18

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

On motion it was resolved that the next Annual Communication be held at the City of Belleville.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

FOREIGN WORK.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray,

That article No. 144 (page 46) of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words: "Neither is it lawful for any private lodge to permit any brother or brethren, hailing from a foreign jurisdiction, to illustrate, practice or administer within its precincts, without the permission of the M. W. the Grand Master, under any pretext whatsoever, other than the authorized work of Grand Lodge, and that where special work is authorized in the jurisdiction, the same be confined to the meeting places of lodges having permits."

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

CERTAIN OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. R. Cuthbert, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Woodstock,

That all officers of Grand Lodge, other than Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and District Deputy Grand Masters, shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 165.

It was moved by W. Bro. C. A. Matthews, seconded by V. W. Bro. N. L. Steiner, and

Resolved,—That clause 165 (page 20) of the Constitution be amended by adding the following words thereto: "or where the lodge shall by show of hands, taken without debate, order that a ballot be taken."

RESIDENCE OF A CANDIDATE.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. Spry, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, and

Resolved,—That the following motion, of which notice has been given, be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, namely:

"That clause 215 (page 58) of the Constitution be amended by the addition thereto of the following words: 'A candidate's place of residence may be where his family resides, or where he is constantly employed and is in receipt of his wages or salary.'"

RANK CONFERRED ON R. W. BRO. A. E. COOPER.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Sargant, and

Resolved,—That in accordance with the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, London.

THE SECRET WORK.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. S. Wigle, and

Resolved,—That the M. W. Grand Master appoint one Past Grand Master to meet with the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters after installation and instruct them in the Secret Work.

Whereupon the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.

DEATH OF R. W. BRO. L. H. HENDERSON.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge has just heard with profound sorrow and regret the melancholy news of the sudden death of our beloved brother, R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, of Belleville. In this sad announcement Grand Lodge recognizes a bereavement which will be very generally and deeply felt by the Craft in this jurisdiction. The R. W. Brother was for many years one of the most diligent and faithful members of the Board of General Purposes, and as such was conspicuous in the zealous and efficient discharge of very important duties. His kindly and agreeable manner and disposition endeared him to all who knew him. His memory will long be cherished by his brethren. The committee on the Fraternal

Dead are hereby requested to prepare a suitable supplemental report with reference to our deceased brother for publication in the minutes of this Annual Communication.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro J. Ross Robertson, assisted by M. W. Bros. Hugh Murray and A. A. Stevenson, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz. :

- V. W. Bro. Douglas Armour, Toronto, Grand Senior Deacon.
- “ John Waddell, Kingston, Grand Junior Deacon.
- “ D. W. B. Spry, Barrie, Grand Superintendent of Works.
- “ George C. Patterson, Toronto, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- “ A. E. Neil, Stratford, Assistant Grand Secretary.
- “ H. Hyndman, Palmerston, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- “ C. V. Emory, M. D., Hamilton, Grand Sword Bearer.
- “ N. P. Lyon, Toronto, Grand Organist.
- “ H. C. Winch, Peterborough, Assistant Grand Organist.
- “ R. C. Miller, Pembroke, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ Walter Drew, Florence, Grand Steward.
- “ J. T. McKay, Alvinston, Grand Steward.
- “ J. Richardson, Aylmer, Grand Steward.
- “ J. R. Atkinson, Simcoe, Grand Steward.
- “ Alex. Logan, Niagara Falls, Grand Steward.
- “ H. Welbanks, Picton, Grand Steward.
- “ J. G. Gillespie, Chesterville, Grand Steward.
- “ W. L. Blair, Ottawa, Grand Steward.
- “ A. Carmichael Rat Portage, Grand Steward.
- “ J. C. Davidson, Gravenhurst, Grand Steward.
- “ W. B. Hall, Princeton, Grand Steward.
- “ H. Bradshaw, St Thomas, Grand Standard Bearer.
- “ W. Willison, Ayr, Grand Standard Bearer.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Committee of Management of the Toronto Lodges for the satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 5.10 o'clock p. m., in *ample form*.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE 24TH, 1895, AND

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John

No of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara	W. on or b. f. m.	Sam'l Campbell.	W. S. Lausing..
3	aThe An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday..	R. E. Burns . . .	John Sutherland
5	aSussex	Brockville ...	3rd Monday ..	Chas. Rose	Geo. K. Dewey ..
6	Barton	Hamilton	2d Monday	Jas. Bicknell....	Geo. E. Mason....
7	Union	Grimsb'y	Th. on or b. f. m.	W. D. Forbes....	W. H. Sparling...
9	aUnion	Napanee	F. on or b. f. m.	John G. Fennell..	R. L. Henry.....
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b. f. m.	T. R. Atkinson ..	Wm. P. Kelly.....
11	aMoira	Belleville	W. on or b. f. m.	Wm. Robertson..	Hope McGinnis..
14	aTrue Britons....	Perth	1st Monday	D. G. McMartin..	W. A. Moore.....
15	St. George's.....	St. Cathar'n's	Tu. on or b. f. m.	J. Hetherington..	N. A. Lindsay....
16	aSt. Andrew's....	Toronto	2nd Tuesday ..	C. E. Edmonds..	F. M. Bell-Smith
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Wm. Rankin.....	M. Atkinson.....
18	aPrince Edward..	Pictou	Th. on or b. f. m.	Wm. Moore.....	H. Welbanks.....
20	aSt. Johns.....	London	2nd Tuesday ..	Arnold Swayze..	M. D. Dawson....
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	Tu. on or b. f. m.	G. Fitzpatrick ..	A. R. Metcalfe...
22	aKing Solomon's..	Toronto	2d Thursday ..	Aubrey White....	A. A. Davis.....
23	Richmond.....	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b. f. m.	T. F. McMahon ..	H. A. Nicholl....
24	aSt Francis.....	Smith's Falls	F. on or b. f. m.	Robt. Hawkins....	Stewart Moag....
25	aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday ..	Wm. G. Eakins..	E. B. Brown.....
26	aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday..	Thos. Long.....	W. J. Robertson
27	aStrictObservance	Hamilton	3rd Friday	E. J. Moore.....	W. C. Morton....
28	aMount Zion....	Kemptville ..	W. b. f. m.	A. C. Rutherford	W. H. Bottom....
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b. f. m.	C. A. Lapp	T. P. Keeler.....
30	aComposite	Whitby	1st Thursday ..	Joseph White ..	Robert Willis....
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanv'le ..	W. on or b. f. m.	John Percy.....	Jos. Pattinson...
32	aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or b. f. m.	J. W. Schofield ..	R. W. Jackson....
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday ..	A. S. Crystall ..	W. H. Rynas
34	aThistle	Amherstb'rg ..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	R. R. Brett.....	J. A. Patten.....
35	St John's.....	Cayuga	Thurs. a. f. m.	J. G. Carruthers	C. C. Gibson.....
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll	1st Friday	B. Patterson ..	H. Rowland.....
38	aTrent	Trenton	Tuesday b. f. m.	G. W. Ostrom....	R. H. Spencer....
39	aMount Zion....	Brooklin	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. G. Armour....	F. Scott.....
40	aSt John's.....	Hamilton	3rd Thursday..	Jas. A. Cox	W. V. Ecclestone
41	aSt George's.....	Kingsville	Th. on or b. f. m.	Chas. J. Ballard ..	Geo. Rumble....
42	aSt. George's.....	London	1st Wednesday	Wm. Heyman	A. Ellis.....
43	King Solomon's..	Woodstock....	1st Tuesday ..	J. F. McGachie..	Geo. J. Fraser....
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas....	1st Thursday ..	J. S. Robertson..	L. Slater.....
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday ..	N. D. Neill.....	F. Baker.....
46	aWellington	Chatham	1st Monday	Jos. Turner	Alex. Gregory....
47	aGreat Western..	Windsor	Th. on or b. f. m.	W. Reid	Geo. K. Prouse...
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b. f. m.	A. H. Watson....	R. T. Gray.....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon	F. on or b. f. m.	Geo. Woddell ..	D. P. Cory.....
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday ..	Miles Berkett ..	C. S. Scott
54	aVoughan	Maple	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Euston Sisley ..	Chas. H. Keffer...
55	aMerrickville ..	Merrickville..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	R. W. Watchorn ..	Thos. Colbert...
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Jas. H. Lambert ..	W. F. B. Colter...
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	W. on or b. f. m.	Judson Barlow ..	J. F. Senn
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday	G. W. Shouldis..	J. A. Armstrong
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	Lyman Lee.....	R. V. Mathews...
62	aSt. Andrew's....	Caledonia	W. on or b. f. m.	Joseph Pringle ..	W. Galer.....
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	W. on or b. f. m.	W. R. Williamson	J. Rushworth....
64	aKilwinning	London	3rd Thursday..	Joseph Dambray..	John Overell....
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	1st Thursday ..	D. D. Grierson ..	J. McCurrah ...
66	aDurham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b. f. m.	D. Allin	E. Simmons.....
68	aSt. John's	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	T. Dougan	Wm. Ewart.....
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f. m.	H. J. Micklejohn	John Shaw.....
72	Alma	Galt	Last Thurs'd'y	Hugh Kennedy....	A. Bisset Thom...
73	aSt. James	St. Mary's	1st Monday	Alex. Treacy	W. J. Gillies....
74	aSt. James.....	Maitland	M. nearest f. m.	Chas. B. Murray	A. P. Bissell....
75	St. John's	Woodstock....	1st Monday	Mat. Stewart....	J. G. Boyce.....
76	aOxford	Woodstock....	2d Wednesday ..	Malcolm Douglas	Robt. Anderson..
77	aFaithful Breth'n	Lindsay	1st Friday	M. L. Nutting...	R. G. Corneil....
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tilsonburg....	W. on or b. f. m.	M. A. Hogan	L. Balmain.....
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	F. on or b. f. m.	H. S. Broughton	Geo. Ogilvie.....
81	aSt John's.....	Mt. Brydges..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Mark Boyce.....	John Betts.....
82	St. John's.....	Paris	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. W. Patterson	J. B. Dalzel.....

LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31st MAY, 1895.

the Evangelist; all others on that St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wid'n	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Expe'd	Rest'd.	Total M'nb's	Last Ret'n's.	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Dr. Bal.	
2	3	4	4	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	41	June '95	...	...	25 00
3	12	11	4	7	4	1	2	...	...	2	149	"	...	...	107 25
5	7	7	7	2	1	3	3	...	...	...	146	"	...	4 00	81 75
6	10	8	8	1	2	6	14	...	...	1	302	"	...	2 00	169 00
7	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	51	"	...	...	12 50
9	2	2	2	1	...	...	11	...	...	...	79	"	...	...	57 75
10	6	7	5	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	75	"	21 00	...	43 25
11	4	5	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	148	"	...	...	122 75
14	3	2	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	88	"	...	...	70 00
15	3	3	3	...	2	...	10	...	...	2	81	"	88 50	...	60 50
16	4	3	4	4	5	...	1	...	...	...	197	"	...	...	64 00
17	7	6	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	67	"	...	...	45 00
18	11	12	13	1	3	2	...	...	...	1	159	"	...	...	111 50
20	13	13	13	...	...	2	4	...	...	2	94	Dec. '94	...	...	115 75
21	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	June '95	2 00	...	16 00
22	4	3	8	2	2	3	8	...	...	...	165	"	44 50	...	60 00
23	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	23	"	...	...	16 00
24	5	8	9	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	84	"	...	...	66 25
25	7	6	8	5	5	3	4	...	...	...	201	"	...	...	141 00
26	10	10	13	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	80	"	...	...	82 50
27	10	11	8	5	8	2	4	...	...	2	248	"	...	...	150 25
28	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	30	Dec. '94	...	...	12 50
29	2	1	1	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	50	"	...	...	29 75
30	1	1	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	74	June '95	...	...	37 75
31	1	1	2	...	6	1	3	...	...	2	38	"	...	4 00	30 00
32	9	2	1	...	2	3	...	...	...	3	72	Dec. '94	52 50	...	38 00
33	2	2	1	4	...	4	...	...	...	2	92	June '95	...	...	52 25
34	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	38	"	1 00	...	21 00
35	9	10	9	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	48	"	...	...	35 50
37	2	2	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	70	"	...	...	43 00
38	4	7	8	2	2	...	2	1	...	2	67	"	...	...	36 50
39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	June '94	7 00	...	14 00
40	10	9	10	6	1	7	4	...	...	...	327	June '95	...	...	201 25
41	4	1	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	86	"	...	...	57 25
42	3	3	3	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	104	Dec. '94	83 25	...	6 00
43	2	2	2	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	91	June '94	...	...	76 00
44	8	10	11	8	2	1	5	...	...	1	140	June '95	...	...	94 25
45	16	9	4	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	113	"	...	...	77 25
46	6	6	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	120	Dec. '94	...	...	90 50
47	11	7	7	3	2	1	2	...	...	...	119	June '95	10 00	...	81 25
48	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	95	Dec. '94	6 00	...	50 50
50	2	2	2	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	37	June '95	8 50	...	18 00
52	12	13	11	1	2	1	...	...	...	1	117	"	13 00	...	49 00
54	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	43	"	...	...	24 50
55	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	43	"	1 50	...	29 25
56	1	1	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	57	"	2 00	...	25 50
57	2	2	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	60	"	16 75	...	16 25
58	8	5	6	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	102	"	...	...	77 00
61	8	8	9	2	3	2	7	...	...	1	229	"	...	...	300 00
62	2	2	2	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	31	"	...	...	24 00
63	6	5	6	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	94	Dec. '94	...	...	68 50
64	6	4	4	3	3	4	7	...	...	...	145	"	80 00	...	90 25
65	9	13	16	3	6	3	6	...	...	4	207	June '95	...	...	118 25
66	...	1	...	2	1	1	4	...	...	...	29	"	...	...	13 75
68	5	4	4	...	4	1	10	...	...	...	60	"	...	...	38 25
69	5	5	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	72	Dec. '94	...	...	3 00
72	9	6	4	9	2	...	3	...	...	2	87	June '95	22 75	...	42 25
73	2	3	4	...	1	...	5	...	...	1	71	"	...	...	77 50
74	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	"	2 00	...	18 50
75	8	5	6	2	3	3	1	...	...	1	182	"	...	...	121 25
76	4	4	2	2	3	3	14	...	...	2	108	"	...	...	69 00
77	4	3	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	85	"	...	...	65 50
78	2	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	99	Dec. '94	...	...	171 50
79	10	9	8	2	5	3	13	...	...	1	28	"	16 00	...	17 00
81	2	...	...	...	3	2	6	...	...	...	56	June '95	4 00	...	36 00
82	4	3	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	1	52	"	...	...	38

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1895, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	a Beaver	Strathroy ..	F. on or a.f.m	S. S. Donaldson..	R. F. Richardson
84	a Clinton	Clinton	F. after f. m..	J. W. Shaw	R. J. Macdonald
85	a Rising Sun	Athens	Th.on or b.f.m	R. J. Reid	Isaac C. Alguire.
86	a Wilson	To.onto.....	3rd Tuesday..	F. H. Herbert...	E. M. Carleton...
87	Markham Union..	Markham....	F. on or b.f.m	Geo.H.Fierheller	P. J. Green.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound..	W.on or b.f.m	Wm. H. Sinclair	John Rutherford
90	a Manito	Collingwood..	W.on or a.f.m	John Wilson	Hugh A. Currie...
91	a Colborne	Colborne	F. on or b.f.m	C. J. McCallum	Geo. Keyes.....
92	a Cataragui	Kingston	2d Wednesday	Robt. Hendry, jr	D. Callaghan....
93	a Northern Light..	Kincardine..	1st Wednesday	A. G. McIntyre..	R. D. Hall.....
94	a St. Mark's	Port Stanley	2d Tuesday....	W. H. Farr	W. M. Berry.....
96	a Corinthian	Barrie	1st Thursday..	F.M. Montgomery	D. H. MacLaren
97	a Sharon	Sharon	Tu.on or b.f.m	James M. Milne	B. F. Pearson....
98	True Blue	Albion	F. on or b.f.m	Robert M. White	Robt. Roberts...
99	a Tuscan	Newmarket ..	2d Wednesday	E. McCormick ...	W. D. Lawrie....
100	a Valley	Dundas	M.on or b.f.m	W. B. Call	F. A. Latshaw...
101	a Corinthian	Peterboro'...	W.on or b.f.m	Wm. D. Parker...	D. H. Burritt....
103	a Maple Leaf	S.Catharines	Last Thursday	John Sutherland	John S. Wood...
104	St. John's	Norwich	W. on or a.f.m	James Irwin.....	I. L. Farrington
105	a St. Mark's	N. Falls S'th.	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. G. Cadham	J. C. Hull
106	a Burford	Burford	W. on or b.f.m	Samuel Parkhill	R. Bulkwill.....
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	W. on or b.f.m	David Irwin	Hy. Poole
108	Blenheim	Princeton	W. on or b.f.m	B. J. McLeod	John Ramsay....
109	a Albion	Har'owsmith	F. on or b.f.m	John Switzer	James Cooke....
110	a Central	Prescott	1st Tuesday...	Geo. Rook	H. H. Wells
113	a Wilson	Waterford ...	W. on or b.f.m	D. J. Horning....	J. F. Aitken
114	a Hope	Port Hope	1st Thursday	Geo. Reading.....	T. H. Bell
115	a Ivy	Beamsville ..	Tu.on or b.f.m	T. A. Simpson	John Astle
116	a Cassia	The'dford....	M. on or b.f.m	Neil McLean	T. R. Poole (act'g)
118	Union	Schomberg ..	M. on or b.f.m	S. Featherland...	W. J. Brereton...
119	a Maple Leaf	Bath	M. before f. m	H. S. Northmore	F. W. Armstrong
120	a Warren	Fingal	Tu.on or b.f.m	Fred Guest, M.D	Frank R. Else...
121	a Doric	Brantford ..	3d Tuesday....	Jos. T. Storev	W. E. Weeks
122	a Renfrew	Renfrew	1st Monday	David Brownlee	W. A. Mackay...
123	a The Belleville ..	Belleville	1st Thursday..	Walter Alfred ..	W. H. Adams.....
125	a Cornwall	Cornwall	1st Tuesday...	H. Williams	F. Bisset
126	a Golden Rule	Cam'bellford	Tu.on or b.f.m	Geo. T. Dickon...	A. E. Jewett....
127	Frank	Frankford ...	M. before f. m	N. A. Bonesteel...	C. M. Rowe
128	a Pembroke	Pembroke	1st Thursday..	J. C. Stewart	Robt. C. Miller...
129	The Rising Sun...	Aurora	1st Friday	A. E. Taylor	J. C. Leadbetter
131	a St. Lawrence	Souham'ton	Tu.on or a.f.m	Angus McAulay...	F. H. Lee
133	a Lebanon Forest..	Exeter	M. or or b. f. m	John J. Knight...	M. Eacrett
135	a St. Clair	Milton	Th.on or b.f.m	Robt. Coates	Geo. F. Sitzer...
136	Richardson	Stouffville ..	W. on or b.f.m	W. B. Button	John Monkhouse
137	a Pythagoras	Meaford	F. nearest f.m	Geo. Hair	J. Patterson
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	2nd Tuesday..	Alex. R. McLean	Jas. McCaw
140	a Malahide	Aylmer	W. on or b.f.m	J. M. Cole	C. T. Burdick....
141	a Tudor	Mitchell	Tu.on or b.f.m	F. H. Thompson	C. M. French....
142	a Excelsior	Morrisburg ..	F. on or b.f.m	G. H. S. Kennedy	S. R. Loncks.....
143	a Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednes' b.f.m	D. A. McDonell...	Jas. W. Tindale
144	a Tecumseh	Stratford....	1st Thursday..	J. R. Stuart	A. E. Neil
145	a J. B. Hall	Millbrook ...	2d Thursday..	R. J. Doak	H. McCartney...
146	a Prinae of Wales..	Newburgh	Wednes' b.f.m	M. I. Beeman	G. A. Aylesworth
147	a Mississippi	Almonte	1st Friday	Louis Coulter	Robt. Pollock...
148	a Civil Service ..	Ottawa	2d Tuesday....	J. C. Saunders...	LeF. A. Maingy...
149	a Erie	Port Dover...	M. on or b.f.m	C. Mathews	J. Varcy
151	a The Grand River	Berlin	2d Tuesday....	A. Pelschlager ..	W. V. Uttley ...
153	a Burns	Wyoming	Th.on or b.f.m	A. W. Couse	W.D.Newell,M.D.
154	a Irving	Lucan	Th.on or b.f.m	Jas. Sadlier	F. H. Neil
155	a Peterboro'	Peterboro'...	1st Friday	W. H. Walkey	R. W. McFadden
156	a York	N. Toronto ..	3rd Friday	D. Robertson	G. H. C. Brooke
157	Simpson	Newboro'	Tu.on or b.f.m	Levi S. Lewis	Josh H. Butler...
158	a Alexandra	Oil Springs ..	Th.on or a.f.m	T. O. Vansickle...	W. Miller
159	a Goodwood	Richmond ...	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Bell	Clark Craig
161	a Percy	Warkworth ..	Wednes' b.f.m	W. J. Baker	S. Oliver
162	Forest	Wroxeter	M. on or b.f.m	Thos. F. Miller...	John Barnard ..

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Expe'd	Rest'd.	Total M'nb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
83	1	4	4	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	99	June '95	.....	.....	64 00
84	6	6	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	65	"	.....	6 00	52 00
85	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	Dec. '94	.....	.....	37 75
86	11	12	8	1	3	.....	6	.....	.....	1	143	June '95	.....	.....	129 25
87	1	3	4	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	"	4 00	.....	21 50
88	12	11	10	1	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	82	"	.....	.....	93 50
90	4	6	1	.....	3	2	2	.....	.....	2	114	"	.....	.....	86 00
91	4	5	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	78	"	.....	.....	63 75
92	4	3	2	1	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	111	"	.....	.....	65 00
93	3	3	3	1	3	.....	14	.....	.....	1	96	"	.....	.....	65 25
94	11	14	15	2	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	1	31	"	55 25	.....	22 00
96	9	9	7	5	3	2	4	.....	.....	2	115	"	.....	4 50	96 00
97	1	2	2	.....	.....	1	15	.....	.....	2	47	"	46 50	.....	25 75
98	2	4	3	.....	3	1	8	.....	.....	1	47	"	.....	.....	34 00
99	1	2	2	1	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	43	"	28 00	.....	35 25
100	7	4	3	.....	4	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	72	"	.....	2 00	46 75
101	4	4	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	Dec. '94	.....	.....	50 00
103	2	5	5	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	103	June '95	.....	.....	75 75
104	3	2	4	2	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	"	.....	.....	55 00
105	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	"	.....	2 00	47 25
106	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	70	"	.....	.....	19 00
107	7	5	4	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	51	"	2 00	.....	84 25
108	2	3	4	.....	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	26	"	.....	.....	45 00
109	3	2	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	47	"	.....	.....	27 00
110	7	8	8	.....	2	1	5	.....	.....	.....	90	"	.....	.....	69 75
113	2	2	1	.....	4	2	4	.....	.....	1	53	"	13 75	.....	13 50
114	3	6	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	"	.....	.....	67 00
115	2	4	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	"	.....	.....	27 00
116	6	5	4	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	"	.....	.....	26 25
118	1	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	22	"	.....	.....	11 00
119	1	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	22	"	.....	.....	12 00
120	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	"	.....	.....	32 00
121	10	9	7	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	137	"	1 50	.....	89 75
122	3	3	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	80	"	.....	.....	67 25
123	10	8	8	4	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	125	"	.....	.....	62 00
125	8	8	7	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	55	"	.....	.....	53 25
126	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	47	"	.....	.....	25 50
127	11	10	9	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	June '95	20 75	.....	115 25
128	10	8	7	4	2	1	.....	.....	.....	107	.....	"	.....	2 00	61 25
129	2	1	4	1	4	1	5	.....	.....	.....	59	"	33 00	.....	53 00
131	3	3	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	40	"	.....	.....	26 25
133	4	3	3	3	.....	1	2	.....	.....	2	74	"	.....	.....	70 75
135	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	53	"	.....	.....	48 50
136	5	3	3	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	"	.....	.....	35 75
137	2	.....	1	.....	5	1	9	.....	.....	1	44	Dec. '94	.....	.....	34 50
139	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	"	.....	.....	34 75
140	3	2	2	3	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	June '95	12 00	.....	57 50
141	3	3	3	3	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	67	Dec. '94	.....	.....	20 00
142	7	10	11	.....	1	.....	9	.....	.....	1	77	June '95	2 50	.....	65 25
143	11	9	8	1	2	1	4	.....	.....	1	63	Dec. '94	.....	.....	59 50
144	8	4	2	9	3	.....	1	.....	.....	1	102	June '95	.....	.....	67 25
145	4	3	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	Dec. '94	4 00	.....	.....
146	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	June '95	.....	.....	30 00
147	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	Dec. '94	3 00	.....	77 00
148	7	4	5	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	"	.....	.....	53 00
149	2	2	2	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	2	52	June '95	.....	.....	33 75
151	4	3	3	.....	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	86	"	.....	.....	59 75
153	3	3	3	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	67	Dec. '94	2 00	.....	46 25
154	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	.....	.....	.....	60	June '95	.....	.....	.....
155	3	4	5	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	107	"	4 00	.....	68 50
156	6	5	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	"	.....	.....	66 00
157	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	"	.....	.....	48 00
158	3	3	4	2	5	1	42	"	2 00	38 25
159	3	1	1	2	2	61	"	110 25	21 00
161	1	1	1	1	69	Dec. '94	3 00	44 25
162	2	37	June '95	19 25

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East	Wellington	Tu. on or b.f.m	C.S. Cunningham	J. D. Wilson
165	aBurlington	Burlington	W. on or b.f.m	Fred Parsons	B. S. Hicks
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	W. E. Corman	J. A. McNeilly
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m	H. Bemiss	Geo. Wills
169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu. on or b.f.m	T. J. O'Neil	John Cook
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday	John Reid	J. O. Rose
171	aPrince of Wales	Iona	F. on or b.f.m	James C. Brown	Arch. McCallum
172	aAyr	Ayr	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. McKay	J. Cassie
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan	Th. on or b.f.m	F. H. Pearsoll	Jas. Ryan
176	aSpartan	Sparta	M. on or b.f.m	G. H. Haught	F. A. Henderson
177	aThe Builders'	Ottawa	2d Friday	A. W. Hubbard	H. H. Cairns
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	F. on or b.f.m	Robt. Johnson	W. M. Veitch
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday	J. B. Collins	Wm. Parker
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu. on or b.f.m	M. G. Burwell	D. M. Shute
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Th. on or b.f.m	D. W. Hays	Harry Days
185	aEnniskillen	York	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Clarke	John Senn
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. A. Ryan	John Smith
190	aBelmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. McMillan	John Boyd
192	aOrillia	Orillia	F. on or b.f.m	Wesley Moor	T. H. Robinson
193	aScotland	Scot. and	M. on or b.f.m	W. J. Glassford	Jas. Malcolm
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	2d Wednesday	J. H. Stinson	Robt. Scott
195	aThe Tuscan	London	1st Monday	E. B. Smith	R. B. Hungerford
196	aMadawaska	Amnrior	2d Monday	J. E. Thompson	Geo. H. Hubbell
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	2d Tuesday	Edwin Penjelly	C. F. Harris
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	F. on or b.f.m	Jos. W. Kilgour	R. O. Kilgour
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. G. Hinds	Jas. Hayward
203	aIrvine	Elora	3rd Friday	Edward Burns	Thos. Godfrey
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m	Thos. G. Walker	Louis Ritz
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	W. on or b.f.m	John P. Snider	R. T. Nicholson
209a	aSt. John's	London	1st Friday	John Graham	John Siddons
209	aEvergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday	John H. Wilson	Alex. Buffam
212	aElysian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday	John Kennedy	R. Raymond
215	aLake	Ameliasburg	M. on or b.f.m	W. R. Johnston	D. F. Stafford
216	aHarris	Orangeville	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jos. H. Hulse	G. Irwin
217	aFrederick	Debi	M. on or b.f.m	George Jefferies	A. W. Cryslar
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2d Monday	R. Higginbottom	Geo. Wilson
219	aCzerit	Georgetown	F. on or b.f.m	C. C. Rowe	T. J. Wheeler
220	aCredit	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m	J. H. Johnston	John G. Vicars
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. McGill	W. T. Fish
222	aMarmora	Marmora	Tues'd'y b.f.m	Mark Devlin	Robt. Mitchell
223	aNorwood	Norwood	Tu. on or b.f.m	Edmond Gear	R. A. Scott
224	aZurich	Hensall	Th. on or b.f.m	Duncan McEwan	Jas. Bonthron
225	aBernard	Listowel	W. on or b.f.m	B. F. Brook	J. J. Foster
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m	Rev. F. T. Dibb	Robt. Bennett
229	aIonic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday	Walter T. Hastie	A. Morton
230	aKerr	Barrie	4th Monday	O. H. Lyon	Fred. Man
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	3rd Thursday	H. W. Wilson	C. J. Pearson
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	Archie Love	Thos. Hockin
233	aDoric	Park Hill	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. S. Thornton	T. J. Hutchins
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jas. McAuslan	J. H. Dickinson
235	aAldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m	W. Barnett	W. R. Keyes
236	aManitoba	Cookstown	Tu. on or b.f.m	John T. Corbitt	T. S. Patterson
237	aVienna	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m	C. E. Wilson	Geo. Thornton
238	aHavelock	Watford	Tu. on or b.f.m	Alex. Saunders	W. G. Collins
239	aTweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m	J. D. Huyck	C. W. Huyck
242	aMacoy	Mallory town	M. on or b.f.m	Ed. Scott	R. W. Tennant
243	aSt. George	St. George	Th. on or b.f.m	Daniel Burt	J. W. Griffith
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville	Th. on or b.f.m	E. S. Hubbell	W. B. Alberton
247	aAshlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday	James McKnight	B. D. Pearson
249	aCaledonian	Midland	2d Tuesday	W. H. Williams	S. A. Milligan
250	aThistle	Embro	Th. on or b.f.m	Andrew Bain	R. H. Green
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Monday	Wm. Gill	C. McCormick
254	aClifton	Niag. Falls	Th. on or b.f.m	F. W. Broughton	H. Preston
255	aSydenham	Dresden	2d Thursday	J. H. Burnie	D. V. Hicks
256	aFarran's Point	Farran's Pt.	W. on or b.f.m	Arthur W. Ault	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday	G. V. J. Greenhill	H. Wurtell

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Ret'd.	Total N'm'rs	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
164	2	3	3	1	1	1	1				44	June '95		\$2 00	\$32 50
165			1	1	3		1				45	"	\$29 25		2 00
166	4	4	4								66	"	14 50		38 00
168					4		4				78	"			44 25
169	6	6	5	1	3	3	12				44	"			103 50
170	7	7	6	1	3	1					79	"	3 00		53 25
171	1	1	1	1	3	1	3			2	42	"	2 00		29 00
172	2	2	1		2						32	"			22 00
174					1	2					51	"			27 50
176											23	"			5 75
177	6	7	6	3	4	1	4			1	99	"			63 00
178	1	1	1	1	1	1					42	"	4 00		38 50
180	5	5	4	1	5		7				94	"			58 75
181	1	1	1	1	2	2				1	32	"			22 00
184	3	1	1	1	4	1	3			1	44	"			26 75
185	5	4	3	1			3				27	"			15 00
186	3	3	3		3		7				20	"			10 75
190	1				4						18	"			16 25
192	9	6	5	1	3	1				2	112	"	31 75		35 00
193	2	3	3								52	"			41 50
194	2	2	4				3			1	93	"			54 50
195	3	3	3	1	2						74	"			29 50
126	4	4	3	3	1	1					57	"			31 25
197	4	4	2	1	1	3					51	"	2 00		28 75
200	5	5	4		2		2				45	"			42 25
201	3	3	3	3	4					1	83	"			47 50
203	2	2	1	1	3		2				45	"	5 50		25 00
205											36	June '94			21 00
207	4	3			2		3				36	June '95			
209a	13	11	9	1	2	2	1				178	"			113 00
209	8	8	7		4	2	2			1	34	"	4 00		20 25
212					1		2				35	"			17 75
215	3	2	3	1	2		3				57	"	2 00		46 25
216	5	5	4	2		2					123	Dec. '94			84 00
217	4	2	2	1	1	1					41	June '95	14 75		26 00
218	4	4	5	2	8	3	12				156	"		2 00	83 00
2 9	3	3	3	1	1	1	2				51	"	24 75		13 00
220	5	4	4	2	4	1					66	"			55 50
221						1	6			2	59	"			36 25
222	1	3	3		4	1	1			1	49	"			38 50
223											15	Dec. '92	15 75		1 00
224				1			2				37	June '95			23 00
225	7	7	8	1	4	1	5				79	"			84 00
228	2	2	3								31	"			26 50
229	8	5	5	1	6		2				69	"			47 25
230	9	8	8	3	3	1	1			1	92	"			72 25
231	10	7	8	2	2						63	"			93 00
232	2				2		2				41	"	10 50		58 00
233	4	2	1		1	1	2				46	"		5 00	29 00
234	3	3	5	1		1					48	"	15 00		38 25
235			1								47	Dec. '94		2 00	42 00
236	2	2	3		1						33	June '95			28 50
237				1	2	2				1	38	"			24 25
238	2	1	1	2		1	3				66	"	41 50		2 00
239	1			1		1					53	"			
242	1	1	1	1	1	1	7				34	"			1 00
243			2		4		3				51	"			39 25
245	1	3	3	2		1					53	"			31 50
247	10	8	8	2	10	3	1			1	149	"		9 00	124 00
249	3	6	6	1	1					1	48	"	14 75		52 75
250	1	1	1			1	1				29	"			19 50
253		1	1		3	1					65	"		2 00	39 75
254	4	4	3	1	3	2					91	Dec. '94			58 75
255	5	5	5								50	"		2 00	30 50
256	2	2	2			1					70	June '95			45 50
257	5	5	4	3							79	"		2 00	88 75

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
255	Guelph	Guelph	2d Tuesday	Robt. Higham	Alex. Cordiner
260	α Washington	Petrolia	1st Tuesday	John R. Nevills	Bert. Polly
261	α Oak Branch	Innerkip	Th.on or b.f.m	Robt. H. Walton	W. E. Hopkins
262	α Harriston	Harriston	2d Monday	A. G. Campbell	John L. Eedy
263	α Forest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m	W. C. Boddy	P. W. Campbell
264	α Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday	J. A. Clark	Jas. Peterkin
265	α Patterson	Thornhill	Th.on or b.f.m	G. A. Langstaff	Rev. W. W. Bates
266	α Northern Light	Stayner	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. W. Bethune	John McAuley
267	α Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	John B. Rankin	David Leckie
268	α Verulam	Bobcaygeon	F. on or b.f.m	A. E. Bottum	W. J. Read
269	α Brougham Union	Brougham	W. on or a.f.m	Robt. Miller	D. K. Beaton
270	α Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	T. E. Kaiser, M.D.	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	2d Wednesday	Wm. H. Graham	Jas. Broddy
272	Seymour	Ancaster	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. Stewart	Frank Bevin
274	α Kent	Blenheim	M. on or b.f.m	A. R. Hanks	Chas. Senior
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	F. on or b.f.m	D. Stewart	C. H. Smith
277	α Seymour	P. Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m	John A. Graham	Alph. Kelley
278	Mystic	Roslin	Thur b.f.m	W. E. Gillespie	J. W. Wilson
279	New Hope	Hespler	W. on or b.f.m	John Jardine	Wm. Jardine
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th.on or b.f.m	W. J. Erench	W. G. Lumley
283	α Eureka	Belleville	W. a. f. m.	W. R. Terwilliger	W. J. Diamond
284	α St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m	Henry James	J. A. Creighton
285	α Seveu Star	Alliston	W. on or b.f.m	J. J. Hobson	W. S. Elli
286	α Wingham	Wingham	Tu. on or b.f.m	John Nicoll	J. A. Morton
287	α Shuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	Alex. Allan	T. J. C. Rodden
289	α Doric	Lobo	Th.on or b.f.m	D. A. Graham	P. L. Graham, MD
290	α Leamington	Leamington	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. A. Piper	Jas. Watson
291	α Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Th.on or b.f.m	Jas. Adams	Alfred Jones
292	α Robertson	King	W. on or b.f.m	T. H. Robinson	Jas. Cherry, Jr.
293	α T. Roy. Sol. Moth.	Jerusal'm Pa	1st Wednesday	W. H. Kayat	C. N. Tadors
294	α Moore	Courtright	Th.on or b.f.m	Geo. Leslie	Wm. Brown
295	α Conestogo	Drayton	Tu. on or a.f.m	Richard Riley	O. B. Henry
296	α Temple	St. Catharin's	Last Wednesday	W. G. Maybee	A. J. McGregor
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m	Chas. H. Belt	Jos. Beltzer
299	Victoria	Centreville	Th.on or b.f.m	R. Cox	T. V. Anderson
300	α Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jas. H. Davis	M. N. Wright
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	Chas. Scarse	R. H. McConnell
303	α Blyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m	Jas. B. Tierney	Jas. A. Anderson
304	Minerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m	E. T. McConkey	C. E. Chantler
305	α Humber	Weston	W. b. f. m.	Harry Keys	Geo. H. Ashman
306	Durham	Durham	Tu. on or b.f.m	John H. Kilmer	Geo. Russell
307	α Arkona	Akrona	Th.on or b.f.m	Wm Cable	A. M. Thoman
309	α Morning Star	Smith's Hill	W. on or b.f.m	Nathau Johns	John Wilson
311	α Blackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m	A. B. Haystead	T. A. Agar
312	α Pnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m	Harvey Morris	E. E. Parker
313	α Clementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	J. E. Kelly	F. Q. Dench
314	α Blair	Palmerston	F. after f. m.	H. Hyndman, jr.	J. A. Creenlaw
315	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	J. S. Dewar	A. S. Allan
316	α Doric	Toronto	3d Thursday	J. W. Taylor	J. H. Pirie
318	Wilnot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m	E. Liersch	Alf. Kaufman
319	α Hiram	Hagersville	Th.on or b.f.m	John McCraw	T. S. Lindsay
320	α Chesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m	R. M. Smith	J. G. Gillespie
321	α Wal'ker	Acton West	M. on or b.f.m	Isaac Francis	W. R. Kenney
322	α North Star	Owen Sound	W. on or a.f.m	Geo. Munro	R. McDowall
323	α Alvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m	Duncan Sinclair	H. A. Gilroy
324	α Temple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday	Donald Clark	E. G. Kittson, M.D
325	α Orono	Orono	Th.on or b.f.m	M. M. Tucker, M.D	Wm. Armstrong
326	α Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday	W. J. L. Anderson	W. M. Angus
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	3rd Tuesday	W. L. Henderson	D. Johnson
328	Ionic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m	Henry Gough	W. H. Sutherland
329	α King Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. Jayes, M.D.	David Hill
330	α Corinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	Thos. Jones	H. C. Simpson
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th.on or b.f.m	R. H. Butcher	F. J. Donaghy
332	Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday	W. Gillespie	H. W. Copus
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. Mitchell	R. J. Sproule
334	α Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m	S. G. Neill	Thos. J. Phillips

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Expt'd	Rest'd.	Total M'nb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
258	6	5	5		4		1				82	June '95			69 00
260	5	4	6	1	4	1	3				79	"	23 75		22 00
261											19	Dec. '93	11 00		11 50
262					2		2			1	44	June '95			22 75
263	3	2	2		4		5				55	"			57 00
264	11	4	6	3	1	2					89	Dec. '94			69 25
265		1	1		2		3			1	26	June '95	20 25		2 00
266	3	3	2		2	1		1		1	42	"			21 25
267	1	1			3	1				2	57	Dec. '94			38 50
268			1		1						39	June '95			23 00
269				1		1					39	"	3 00		\$20 00
270	1	2	2	1	1					1	70	"			39 00
271	2	3	3			1					40	"			29 25
272			1		3	1	2				42	"			25 75
274	6	9	11			1					65	"			84 00
276				1		1					27	"			16 75
277	2	2	1								34	Dec. '94	1 00		19 00
278	1	1	1			1					22	June '95			16 00
279	7	6	5	2	1		1				56	"			39 50
282											35	June '94	12 25		25 00
283	6	4	3		1						58	June '95		\$4 00	54 50
284	8	7	7	1	6					1	59	"		21 00	77 00
285			2		1		1			1	24	"		2 00	22 00
286					1						45	Dec. '94			27 75
287	4	5	4	1	6					1	97	June '95			61 00
289	1		1		1						51	Dec. '94			34 00
290	9	9	8		1						78	June '95		2 00	49 50
291	4	2	2		2						37	"			24 00
292	8			8	3	1					35	"		2 00	25 50
293	1	1	1		7	1				1	17	Dec. '94			24 25
294	9	5	5	4	6	2	6			2	28	June '95			16 25
295	6	5	6								34	Dec. '94	20 25		27 00
296	1	1	1		3		5			2	47	June '95			28 00
297	1	1	1	2							22	"			16 00
299	1	1	1		2						42	"			
300	2	2	2		1						27	Dec. '94			25 00
302	5	5	4		1	1	15			3	90	June '95	28 50		67 75
303	2	2	1			1					51	"	2 00		35 50
304	2	1			1						22	"			12 00
305	1	2	2	1	4		1				43	"			27 75
306	1	1	1		2		5				42	"			11 75
307	1	1	2	2	4	1			1		42	"			37 25
309	1	2	1					1			52	Dec. '94			29 50
311							4				34	June '95			21 75
312	1		1		2	1				3	84	Dec. '94	2 00		25 25
313	2	2	2		1		2				41	June '95			34 25
314	1		1	2	1		1				53	"			30 75
315					1						26	"			
316	4	8	11	1	4	1	6			2	144	"			132 25
318	1	1	1								33	"	4 50		17 50
319	2	2	2	2	1		2				42	"			15 75
320	6	5	6	1	3		4				67	"			94 75
321					2						24	"			13 50
322	7	5	4	2	2	1				1	81	"			58 75
323	4	2	1		1						62	"			6 00
324	7	4	6	2	8	3				1	211	"			123 50
325	2	1	1		5		3			1	39	"			21 00
326	13	17	18	9	8	2	4			1	217	"			211 50
327	5	4	3		2						24	"			15 00
328						1					23	"			6 00
329	1										46	"			30 50
330	2	4	5	3	1					1	75	Dec. '94			43 25
331	2	2									31	"	4 50		24 00
332	22	17	19	14	6	1					120	June '95			136 50
333	3	3	3	2							38	"			36 75
334	19	18	18		2	1	4			1	40	"			130 25

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1895, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	J. G. Crosby.....	R. B. Teetzel.....
337	aMyrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m	Norval B. Hagar	C. B. Bennett.....
338	aDufferin	Wellandport	Tu. on or b.f.m	John E. Cohoe.....	J. R. Goring.....
339	aOrient	Toronto.....	1st Tuesday....	R. E. Bailey.....	H. Tolhurst.....
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Henders	John Walker.....
343	aGeorgina	Toronto.....	Th. on or b.f.m	C. C. Whale.....	A. E. Curran.....
344	aMerrill	Dorch'st rS'n	Th. on or b.f.m	A. Carson.....	W. H. Shaw.....
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Th. on or b.f.m	Thos. McDougall	A. O. Burrows
346	aThe Occident.....	Toronto.....	3d Wednesday	E. M. Donovan.....	W. E. Smith.....
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday.....	Jas. Beattie.....	James Philip.....
348	aGeorgian.....	Pen'tang'sh'e	1st Thursday....	G. H. Wright.....	J. J. Buckley.....
352	aGranite.....	Parry Sound.....	W. on or b.f.m	F. C. King.....	D. Macfarlane.....
354	aBrock	Cannington.....	W. on or b.f.m	H. S. Bingham.....	John Sharp.....
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. H. McClung.....	J. H. Dracacs.....
357	aWaterdown.....	Waterdown.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. D. Courtney.....	W. R. Wilson.....
358	aDeleware Valley.....	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	J. R. Hammond.....	R. R. Montgomery
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. Mitchell	J. E. Butler.....
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. W. Bettess.....	Isaac Huber.....
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday.....	Jas. Naismith.....	H. Macdonald.....
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara.....	M. on or b.f.m	T. McNally, M.D.	J. A. Sharp.....
364	aDufferin	Melbourne.....	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. J. Hagerty	A. R. Houston.....
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	1st Friday.....	W. B. Phillips.....	W. M. Murdock
368	aSalem	Brockville.....	2nd Monday.....	B. J. Saunders.....	W. B. Reynolds.....
369	aMimico.....	Lambton M.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. Aymer.....	Frank F. Reeves
370	aHarmony	Delta.....	W. on or b.f.m	C. N. Mallory.....	J. W. Russell.....
371	aPrince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	4th Friday.....	W. Borthwick.....	W. J. Glover.....
372	aPalmer	Victoria.....	Tu. on or a.f.m	F. Spain.....	J. G. Watts.....
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thursday....	I. P. Wilson.....	W. G. Somerville
374	aKeene	Keene	Th. on or b.f.m	Rich. Hope.....	J. M. Shaw, M.D.
375	aLorne	Omemme.....	1st Thursday....	T. A. McPherson	A. Laidlaw.....
376	aUnity	Huntsville.....	W. on or b.f.m	Oscar Wieler.....	Jas. E. Fisher.....
377	aLorne	Shelburne.....	1st Friday.....	T. F. Brown.....	Wm. Collins.....
378	aKing Solomon's.....	London West	4th Tuesday....	W. J. Element.....	W. Nieboll.....
379	aMiddlesex.....	Bryanston.....	W. on or b.f.m	N. A. Grant.....	J. Nicholson.....
380	aUnion	London.....	2nd Monday.....	Neil McNeil.....	Geo. Hampton.....
382	aDoric.....	Hamilton.....	3rd Monday.....	Chas. S. Kilgour	C. V. Emory, M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winch'ter	1st Tuesday....	S. S. Reveller.....	Byron Lane.....
384	aAlpha.....	Toronto.....	1st Thursday....	G. L. Lennox.....	A. T. Middleton
385	aSpry	Beeton.....	W. on or a.f.m	H. S. Matthews.....	J. R. Croft
386	aMcColl	West Lorne.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. H. McLean.....	R. McFate.....
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Rev. C. J. Young	N. C. Mulvaugh.....
388	aHenderson	Ilderton.....	M. on or b.f.m	John Noble.....	Thos. Morton
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta.....	W. on or b.f.m	W. H. Waddell.....	Joseph B. Love.....
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th. on or b.f.m	Walter Drew.....	J. D. McMillan.....
391	aHoward	Ridgetown.....	M. on or b.f.m	B. Paine.....	W. H. Ellsworth
392	aHuron	Camlachie.....	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. Symington.....	A. Trusler.....
393	aForest.....	Chesley.....	1st Tuesday....	D. F. Fisher.....	J. M. Stewart.....
394	aKing Solomon	Thamesford.....	W. on or b.f.m	J. McWilliam.....	E. A. Dundas.....
395	aParvaim.....	Comber.....	Th. on or b.f.m	R. H. Abbott, M.D.	Robt. Auderson.....
396	aCedar.....	Warton.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jas. Symon.....	W. H. Brown.....
397	aLeopold.....	Brigden.....	W. on or b.f.m	J. A. Fisher, M.D.	W. J. Ward.....
398	aVictoria.....	Vict'ria Road	W. on or b.f.m	W. L. Wood.....	Alfred Taylor
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	T. M. Morrison.....	J. J. Jelly.....
400	aOakville	Oakville.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. O. Joyce.....	Edgar Bray.....
401	aCraig	Desoronto.....	Last Friday.....	H. A. Yeoman.....	C. E. Ravin.....
402	aCentral.....	Essex Centre	W. on or b.f.m	R. J. Shaw.....	O. H. Bricker.....
403	aWindsor.....	Windsor.....	1st Friday.....	R. F. Golden.....	Jas. C. Guillet.....
404	aLorne	Tamworth.....	F. on or a.f.m	C. W. D. Clark.....	C. A. Jones.....
405	aMattawa	Mattawa.....	1st Tuesday....	C. W. Haentschel.....	A. N. Grasswell.....
406	aThe Spry.....	Feen'l'n Falls	W. on or b.f.m	E. Fitzgerald.....	Rev W. Farncomb
408	aMurray	Beaverton.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. D. Dobson.....	A. Grant.....
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	Tu. on or b.f.m	I. T. Torrey.....	A. P. Cornell.....
410	aZeta.....	Toronto.....	4th Thursday....	J. J. Hodge.....	A. R. Symons.....
411	aRodney.....	Rodney.....	Th. on or b.f.m	J. B. Stinson.....	Edwin A. Hugill
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. A. Knight.....	Wm. Turner.....
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu. on or b.f.m	John Bartley.....	W. A. Hutton.....

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	B.N. P.D.	S. U. M.C.	Exp'l'd	Rest'd.	Total M em b's	Last Retr'n's	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
336											41	Dec. '94	\$10 00		\$26 75
337	2	2	1		2	1	3				27	June '95	33 50		2 00
338	1	1	1								22	"			33 00
339	10	11	11	2	3	4	9			2	158	"		\$2 00	119 75
341	1	1	2		1		4	1			54	"			25 75
343	7				10	1	5			3	43	"			33 75
344	2	2	2		2						26	"			15 25
345				1		1	3				27	"	7 00		15 50
346	10	8	11	3	6	1	10			1	146	"	1 00		105 50
347	2	2									43	Dec. '94			3 00
348	1		1	1	1					2	24	"		39 00	
352	1	1	2	2	1						58	June '95			39 50
354	1	1	1								45	"		7 50	55 00
356	2	1	1	1	1	1					33	"			18 50
357				2							44	Dec. '94			34 50
358	4	4	5		1		4				42	June '95	36 75		38 00
359	3	3	2				1				36	"			22 50
360	6	7	6	1	2	1					46	"		2 00	49 00
361	11	11	9	1	1					101		"		2 00	77 50
362	3	2	5	1	5		2				41	"			25 00
364											31	Dec. '93	26 50		1 00
367	1	1	2		2	1		1		1	122	June '95			84 00
368	6	5	5	1	3		4				93	"			70 25
369	2	2	2		2	1	9				51	"		1 00	28 00
370	3	5	5			1					60	"	52 75		
371	4	4	1	2	1	2					69	Dec. '94			46 25
372	2	2	3	3	1						44	June '95			22 50
373	2	3	2	1	3		2				38	"			17 00
374											26	"			16 00
375		1	1		1						31	Dec. '94	9 75		41 00
376	12	9	7		4		4				50	June '95			65 75
377	3	4	4		5	1	1			1	56	"			41 25
378	3	5	8	1	3		10			1	61	"		4 00	61 50
379	5	5	5				5				24	"			25 75
380	5	5	5								72	Dec. '94	1 00		38 00
382	6	7	8	1	3	3	4				149	June '95			153 25
383	12	11	8		1						36	"			46 50
384	10	6	8	3	2	1				159	"	"	83 50		56 25
385	1	1	1				2				26	"			16 25
386	4	4	5	1	1	2					38	"	34 25		29 00
387	2	2	2	1	1	1	2				25	Dec. '94		2 00	16 00
388						1	3				39	June '95			44 00
389		1	1		4		3				44	"			
390	2	1	1		4	1	3			1	16	"			12 00
391	3	3	4		7						66	"			67 00
392	1	2	3		4	1	2				47	"			35 75
393											52	"			16 00
394	3	1	2	1		1	2				49	"			27 00
395	1	1	1								42	"			36 75
396	4	4	5	1	1		2				53	"			36 75
397	5	6	4				5				33	Dec. '94			32 00
398	3	3	3	1	1		8				20	June '95			17 00
399	2	2	2		1						20	Dec. '94	2 00		13 25
400	4	1	1	1							94	June '95			1 00
401	1	1	1	1	1		2				52	"	14 50		21 00
402	5	4	3	1	2	1	2				49	"			52 25
403	13	6	5	3	3		4			3	92	"	2 50		88 25
404					1	1					39	"			24 00
405	5	2	3	1	1	1	11			1	76	"			80 75
406	1				1	1	2				32	"			41 00
408	3	2	2								40	"			40 00
409	1	3	2		1	1				1	39	"			32 25
410	10	10	10	3	5		4			4	67	"		2 00	64 00
411	3	3	2		1						34	"			28 00
412	3	5	5	2	1						94	"			68 00
413											43	Dec. '93			

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
414	Pequonga.....	Rat Portage..	1st Wednesd'y	D. McMurphy, sr	Wm. Weir
415	aFort William	Fort William	1st Wednesd'y	John Fraser	Wm. Newcombe
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. C. Lafferty ...	A. S. Cumming
417	aKeewatin	Keewat'n Mts	1st Friday.....	John Walls.....	T. J. Cherry.....
418	aMaxville	Maxville.....	2nd Tuesday...	C. T. Smith	T. W. Munro.....
419	aBismarck	Pt. Edward ..	2nd Monday...	B. F. George	Eugene Phelps...
420	aNipissing	North Bay...	2nd Thursday	W. B. Way	Geo. W. Liddle...
421	aScott.	Grand Valley	W. on or b.f.m	John D. Watson	W. Buchauan....
422	aStar of the East .	Bothwell.....	W. on or b.f.m	M. S. Cassan	Chas. E. Bayley
423	aStrong	Sundridge	3d Wednesday	B. Wickett	Jno. J. McGeary
424	aDoric	Pickering.....	Th. on or b.f.m	R. W. Bateman...	R. A. Bunting...
425	aSt. Clair	Pt. Lambton	Tu. on or b.f.m	T. C. Cowan, M.D.	T. R. Boothman
426	aStanley	W. Tor. Junc	1st Tuesday....	Chas. H. Batt...	S. F. B. Reid
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	1st Wednesd'y	A. Hoffm'n Smith	S. Rondeau.....
428	Fidelity	Port Perry....	F. on or b.f.m	F. E. Harrison ...	J. H. Brown.....
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin....	Th. on or b.f.m	G. W. Smith	W. H. Marrs M.D
430	aAcacia	East Toronto	3rd Monday ...	J. Richardson...	J. P. Wholer
431	aMoravian	Eden Grove..	F. on or a. f.m	W. C. Morrison...	D. F. Pinkerton
432	aHanover	Hanover	F. on or b.f.m	Robert Sypher...	Jno. Sutherland.
433	Bonnechere	Eganville....	2nd Monday...	Frank Purvis.....	Albert Luluff.....
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	Tu. on or b.f.m	Allan Kilpatrick	W. G. McDonald

LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1895.—Continued.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. F. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total M'emb's	Last Ret'rns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
414	2	2	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	89	June '95	.....	2 50	\$62 50
415	2	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	68	"	.....	2 00	21 50
416	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	"	.....	.....	19 50
417	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	"	.....	.....	35 00
418	7	10	10	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	"	.....	2 00	53 25
419	2	1	3	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	70	"	.....	.....	45 75
420	1	.....	.....	1	5	.....	1	.....	.....	4	80	"	.....	.....	49 00
421	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	"	.....	.....	20 50
422	4	3	3	1	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	22	"	.....	.....	13 50
423	7	11	10	.....	1	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	40	"	.....	2 50	43 25
424	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	Dec. '94	.....	.....	22 75
425	1	1	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	40	June '95	.....	.....	16 00
426	7	10	9	5	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	81	"	.....	26 25	80 00
427	13	16	7	.....	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	78	Dec. '94	.....	.....	.....
428	5	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	27	June '95	.....	.....	6 25
429	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	30	"	.....	.....	8 00
430	7	6	6	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	"	.....	20 00	76 00
431	2	3	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	"	.....	6 50	8 00
432	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	"	.....	10 00	7 75
433	8	7	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	"	.....	.....	30 00
434	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	"	.....	1 50	20 00
												Inter'st	Gen'ral	Fund...	3157 84
												"	Asy'um	"	431 00
												Sundr's	.....	.....	267 25
	1323	1229	1204	361	630	248	654	6...	1...	149	22805		1480 00	251 00	19710 34

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. B. Carscallen, Dresden.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 327, The Hammond...	Wardsville
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 336, Highbgate.....	Highbgate
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 386, McColl.....	West Lorne
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 395, Parvaim.....	Comber
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 402, Central.....	Essex Centre
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodney
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. Scott, Petrolia.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolia.....	Petrolia	" 397, Leopold.....	Brigden
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolia	" 425, St. Clair.....	Port Lambton
" 261, Forest.....	Forest		

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (27.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. R. Rutherford, Aylmer.

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 289, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Iona	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 176, Spartan.....	Sparta	" 380, Union.....	London
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 209a, St. John's.....	London	" 399, Moffat.....	Harrietsville
" 230, Cameron.....	Dutton		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Stratford.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 205, New Domini'n.....	New Hamb'g
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 233, Doric.....	Park Hill
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star.....	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 318, Wilmot.....	Baden
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaforth		

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. James Walmsley, Wiarton.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 286, Wingham.....	Wingham
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 393, Forest.....	Chesley
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 396, Cedar.....	Warton
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
" 284, St. John's.....	Brussels	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. J. Fraser, Woodstock.

No. 10, Norfolk.....Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....Woodstock	" 178, Plattsville.....Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....Tilsenburg	" 217, Frederick.....Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....Paris	" 237, Vienna.....Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....Embro
" 106, Burford.....Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....Princeton	" 369, Vittoria.....Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....Waterford	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James S. Dewar, Clifford.

No. 72, Alma.....Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....Ayr	" 297, Preston.....Preston
" 180, Speed.....Guelph	" 306, Durham.....Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....Elora	" 315, Clifford.....Clifford
" 216, Harris.....Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....Arthur
" 237, Galt.....Galt	" 347, Mercer.....Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....Guelph	" 361, Waverly.....Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....Harriston	" 421, Scott.....Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....Erin	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 8. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden, Hamilton.

No. 6, Bar'ou.....Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....St. George
" 45, Brant.....Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....Aton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....Waterdown
" 121, Doric.....Brantford	" 382, Doric.....Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....Milton	" 400, Oakville.....Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....Burlington	

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. E. Fletcher, Barrie.

No. 79, Simcoe.....Bradford	No. 249, Caledonia.....Midland
" 88, St. George's.....Owen Sound	" 266, Northern Light.....Stayner
" 90, Manito.....Collingwood	" 285, Seven Star.....Alliston
" 96, Corinthian.....Barrie	" 304, Mineva.....Stroud
" 137, Pythagoras.....Meaford	" 322, North Star.....Owen Sound
" 192, Orillia.....Orillia	" 333, Prince Arthur.....Flesherton
" 230, Kerr.....Barrie	" 348, Georgian.....Penetanguishene
" 234, Beaver.....Clarksburg	" 377, Lorne.....Shelburne
" 236, Manitoba.....Cookstown	" 385, Spry.....Beeton

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. C. Bartle, Niagara Falls.

No. 2, Niagara.....Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....Thorold
" 7, Union.....Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....Dunnville	" 296, Temple.....St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle.....Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....Beamsville	" 338, Dufferin.....Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....Welland	" 372, Palmer.....Victoria
" 169, Macnab.....Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....York	

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 11. (39.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Richard Dinnis, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrews.....	Toronto	No. 265, Patterson.....	Thornhill
" 22, King Solomon's.....	Toronto	" 269, Brougham Union.....	Brougham
" 23, Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	" 292, Robertson.....	Nobleton
" 25, Ionic.....	Toronto	" 305, Humber.....	Weston
" 54, Vaughan.....	Maple	" 311, Blackwood.....	Woodbridge
" 65, Rehoboam.....	Toronto	" 316, Doric.....	Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....	Toronto	" 326, Zetland.....	Toronto
" 86, Wilson.....	Toronto	" 339, Orient.....	Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....	Markham	" 343, Grorgina.....	Sutton West
" 97, Sharon.....	Sharon	" 346, Occident.....	Toronto
" 98, True Blue.....	Albion	" 354, Brock.....	Cannington
" 99, Tuscan.....	Newmarket	" 356, River Park.....	Streetsville
" 118, Union.....	Schomberg	" 367, St. George.....	Toronto
" 129, The Rising Sun.....	Aurora	" 369, Mimico.....	Lambton Mills
" 136, Richardson.....	Stouffville	" 384, Alpha.....	Toronto
" 156, York.....	North Toronto	" 410, Zeta.....	Toronto
" 218, Stevenson.....	Toronto	" 424, Doric.....	Pickering
" 220, Zerodatha.....	Uxbridge	" 426, Stanley.....	Toronto Junction
" 229, Ionic.....	Brampton	" 430, Acacia.....	East Toronto
" 247, Ashlar.....	Toronto		

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. E. Wood, Peterborough.

No. 26, Ontario.....	Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood.....	Norwood
" 30, Composite.....	Whitby	" 268, Vernlam.....	Bobcaygeon
" 31, Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville	" 270, Cedar.....	Oshawa
" 39, Mount Zion.....	Brooklin	" 313, Clementi.....	Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....	Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....	Orono
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	" 374, Keene.....	Keene
" 101, Corinthian.....	Peterborough	" 375, Lorne.....	Onemee
" 114, Hope.....	Port Hope	" 398, Victoria.....	Victoria Road
" 139, Lebanon.....	Oshawa	" 406, The Spry.....	Femelon Falls
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Milbrook	" 408, Murray.....	Beaverton
" 155, Peterborough.....	Peterborough	" 428, Fidelity.....	Port Perry

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. S. Dench, Trenton.

No. 11, Moira.....	Belleville	No. 125, Golden Rule.....	Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....	Cobourg	" 127, Franck.....	Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....	Pictou	" 161, Percy.....	Warkworth
" 29, United.....	Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....	Wellington
" 38, Trent.....	Trenton	" 215, Lake.....	Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....	Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....	Marmora
" 50, Consecon.....	Consecon	" 239, Tweed.....	Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....	Stirling	" 278, Mystic.....	Roslin
" 91, Colborne.....	Colborne	" 283, Eureka.....	Belleville
" 123, The Belleville.....	Belleville	" 401, Craig.....	Deseronto

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14. (13.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. F. S. Wartman, Colebrook.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....	Kingston	No. 201, Leeds.....	Gananoque
" 9, Union.....	Napanee	" 212, Elysian.....	Garden Island
" 92, Cataraqui.....	Kingston	" 228, Prince Arthur.....	Odessa
" 109, Albion.....	Harrowsmith	" 253, Minden.....	Kingston
" 119, Maple Leaf.....	Bath	" 299, Victoria.....	Centreville
" 146, Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	" 404, Lorne.....	Tamworth
" 157, Simpson.....	Newboro'		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. O. Bascom, Kemptville.

No. 5, Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster
" 14, True Britons.....	Perth	" 242, Macoy.....	Mallorytown
" 24, St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	" 256, Farran's Point.....	Farran's Pt
" 28, Mount Zion.....	Kemptonville	" 320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville
" 55, Merrickville.....	Merrickville	" 368, Salem.....	Brockville
" 74, St. James.....	Maitland	" 370, Harmony.....	Delta
" 85, Rising Sun.....	Farmersville	" 383, Henderson.....	West Winchester
" 110, Central.....	Prescott	" 377, Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 389, Crystal Fountain.....	N Augusta
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 416, Lyn.....	Lyn
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. Hood, Arnprior.

No. 21a, St. John's.....Vanleek Hill	No. 177, The Builders'.....Ottawa
" 52, Dalhousie.....Ottawa	" 186, Plantagenet.....Plantagenet
" 58, Doric.....Ottawa	" 196, Madawaska.....Arnprior
" 63, St. John's...Carleton Place	" 209, Evergreen.....Lanark
" 122, Renfrew.....Renfrew	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....Pembroke	" 264, Chaudiere.....Ottawa
" 147, Missississipi.....Almonte	" 371, Prince of Wales.....Ottawa
" 148, Civil Service.....Ottawa	" 405, Mattawa.....Mattawa
" 159, Goodwood.....Richmond	" 433, Bonnechere.....Eganville

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (5.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. More, Fort William.

No. 287, Shuniah.....Port Arthur	No. 415, Fort William..Fort William
" 412, Key Stone...Sault Ste Marie	" 417, Keewatin.....Keewatin Mills
" 414, Pequonga.....Rat Portage	

NIPPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (8.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. A. Mowry, Gravenhurst.

No. 352, Granite .....Parry Sound	No. 420, Nippissing North Bay
" 360, Muskoka.....Bracebridge	" 423, Strong.....Sundridge
" 376, Unity.....Huntsville	" 427, Nickel.....Sudbury
" 409, Golden Rule ...Gravenhurst	" 434, Algonquin Emsdale

NOT ATTACHED TO ANY DISTRICT.

No. 293, The Royal Solomon Mother, Jerusalem, Palestine.

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No.	1.....	22 Lodges
St. Clair	" "	2.....	19 "
London	" "	3.....	27 "
South Huron	" "	4.....	15 "
North Huron	" "	5.....	18 "
Wilson	" "	6.....	21 "
Wellington	" "	7.....	21 "
Hamilton	" "	8.....	21 "
Georgian	" "	9.....	18 "
Niagara	" "	10.....	21 "
Toronto	" "	11.....	30 "
Ontario	" "	12.....	22 "
Prince Edward	" "	13.....	20 "
Frontenac	" "	14.....	13 "
St. Lawrence	" "	15.....	22 "
Ottawa	" "	16.....	18 "
Algoma	" "	17.....	5 "
Nipissing	" "	18.....	8 "
Unattached.....			1 "
Total.....			351

EXPULSIONS BY GRAND LODGE.

No. 307—Nelson George.

SUSPENSIONS FOR U. M. C., 1894-'95.

No. 38—W. J. McComb. 256—Wm. F. Beach. 309—John R. Tenton. 341—T. B. Miller. 367—James G. McPherson. 415—Robert McGregor.

SUSPENSIONS FOR N. P. D., 1894-'95.

No. 3—H. T. Shilby, John Sheppard. 5—I. Coolidge, W. S. Appleby, T. W. Sparham. 6—J. A. Bennet, A. Hamilton, W. Mole, James McKay, R. W. Young, John Thomson, A. T. Bonde, W. McNeil, G. S. Krox, S. Zimmerman, J. S. B. McKeown, Peter Thomson, W. G. Walton, R. Cruickshank. 9—David Ash, R. McMillan, A. T. Harshaw, W. J. Gunnen, J. R. Perry, G. Schryver, W.

Templeton, A. Toomey, J. H. Phillips, J. F. Armstrong, R. Richardson. 15—W. T. Merrick, J. Martindale, C. P. Mills, E. Viger, R. Tracey, A. Boulden, Mat Brown, R. S. Locke, W. M. Shaw, W. B. Towers. 16—J. H. Ford, James Patterson, J. H. Pendrith, H. Plant, Joseph Harris. 10—R. J. McKee, W. E. Hiscott, John Graves, J. J. Harding. 22—E. W. Powers, A. Grinstead, D. Shipherd, H. W. VanEvery, J. Adamson, H. W. Fox, W. Simpson, W. B. Tait. 23—J. T. Morris. 24—J. D. McBeth. 25—W. Lehmann, C. E. McDonald, E. W. Edwards, H. W. Welch. 27—S. Atkin, James Bremner, George Knight, J. E. Martin. 29—H. Maitland, J. N. Grey, J. W. Lawson. 31—John Pierce, W. Porter, F. Rogers. 38—Thomas Evans, W. D. Baird. 40—James Findlay, George Lambert, George W. Plastow, R. Rabjohn. 52—E. A. Crouch, '1. J. Tauton. 43—H. H. Scott, D. Bale, A. Moon, T. E. King. 44—T. Parrish, J. S. McLeod, W. H. Palmerston, E. Hilles, Wm. Campbell. 47—G. W. Busch, G. W. Weaver. 56—G. McLean. 61—F. Rowlin, A. A. Willie, E. Wollung, W. J. Townsend, W. G. Townsend, J. Frown, J. C. Malcolmson. 62—W. C. Hoover. 64—John Richards, C. V. Morris, J. Hargreaves, J. G. Bradley, G. R. Flook, A. T. Reid, George Nelson. 65—J. C. Druce, J. Somers, E. Teagle, J. Townsend, T. Lindsay, J. Owen. 66—J. N. Rutledge, Thomas Vinson, W. H. Barrie, C. M. Eddy. 68—J. Stevens, W. C. Bell, W. A. Smith, J. Gibson, Robert May, R. J. Drummond, B. E. Swayze, T. Pardoe, J. S. E. Nichols, H. R. Cotton. 72—H. W. Byrne, J. L. Byrne, J. W. Ward. 73—A. Sutherland, J. Somerville, K. Waring, T. Gray, T. F. Harrison. 75—E. H. Williams. 76—J. Murray, D. Richards, M. M. Nesbit, J. Blackburn, T. Walker, J. Coventry, G. M. Gamble, J. A. Close, L. Broder, W. J. Baird, R. A. Davis, R. C. Tagart, M. W. Hubel, D. A. McLeod. 79—J. McLean, G. Usher, A. McVittie, G. Bannerman, J. W. Beaton, R. Kilbourn, A. McBeth, James Blair, T. A. Manning, W. J. Phillips, I. C. Boyd, R. Jacks, S. Rogers. 81—A. Darrach, J. Lee, E. Millner, Wm. Rose, J. Thompson, R. Wooten. 82—G. T. Simpson, W. Williams. 86—J. A. McMurtry, G. F. Burton, C. Love, Hy. Morrison, J. F. Sloan, H. Sleigh. 88—Geo. Webb. 90—J. W. Archer, P. Olsson. 92—E. A. Culcheth, D. T. Gray, Joseph Hipson, W. Lamb. 93—T. Bradley, D. Campbell, R. H. Gairdner, R. Hunter, G. M. Harris, G. Monilaws, W. M. McGibbon, T. Morgan, J. McGregor, C. Pulton, H. Richardson, R. Reed, E. A. Smith, T. J. Stewart. 94—A. Hepburn, W. H. Edgecombe, L. G. Jarvis, A. Morrison, H. Cross, W. Brownell, John Ellison. 96—A. McAllister, W. H. Ainley, John Plaxton, F. Hornsby. 97—W. Brechon, G. M. Doan, J. Henry, C. J. Keen, T. Lewis, C. H. Lepard, H. Mosier, A. McCarthy, G. S. McDonald, F. J. McDonald, P. S. Pentz, W. S. Ramsay, F. Robinson, Joseph Tait, J. Warriner. 98—A. E. Bolton, G. Beamish, J. K. McEwan, C. M. Griffith, G. Goodfellow, W. Summers, J. Walshaw, John Shields. 99—D. W. Mayes, J. Savage, E. Denne, J. R. Mader, R. D. Prest. 103—Thomas Millington, A. Henderson, H. Cawe, J. Poole, W. A. Edwards, F. B. Cooper. 106—C. H. Flood. 107—J. C. Simpson, J. D. O'Neil, R. F. Smith. 108—J. Armstrong, M. Edwards. 109—J. McQuaide. 110—Geo. H. Bass, E. H. Gamble, T. Ford, J. F. Calcutt, E. C. Fields. 113—I. W. Merrill, W. H. Farrill, John Newell, S. Lawrence. 123—Thomas Waymark. 125—B. Worsman. 126—H. Sinclair, Charles Ashton. 129—C. Warren, John T. Wells, A. Robinson, J. M. Wells, C. Lutz. 133—H. L. Billings, J. McLaughlin. 135—A. Coffee, R. B. Orr, J. W. Fraser. 137—W. C. Dunseath, J. H. Hill, A. Burnitt, J. B. LeRoy, P. Mallory, M. Leavens, H. West, H. Simpson, H. Helstrop. 141—R. W. Hurburt, R. Livingston, E. Seigle. 142—A. Hunter, W. J. Mullen, J. R. Smith, T. J. Gillespie, W. Ford, E. A. Dillabough, J. R. Walker, J. H. W. Bedford, J. A. Allison. 143—Thomas H. Julian, John Bernie, J. J. Glasford, E. A. Everetts. 144—E. Rutherford. 151—Charles Huber. 153—G. T. Benneest. 154—W. W. Hogg, A. B. Empy. 158—T. Palmer, J. Savage, J. Thompson, C. Royal, H. E. Burns. 159—J. A. K. Wilson, T. McVeity. 164—Wm. McDonald. 165—W. W. Cross. 168—J. C. Page, H. W. Hobson, J. E. Schram, J. A. McCargar. 169—T. Rae, R. Smith, J. Smith, J. Saurin, A. Schell, Wm. Pope, J. A. Steele, W. Laskey, C. E. Lugdsin, A. K. Scholfeld, B. Schooley, J. W. Young. 171—N. Dewar, N. Gunn, E. Leverton. 177—J. L. Armstrong, A. Britton, H. Gilmour, B. B. Shotton. 180—J. S. Moffatt, D. McIntosh, A. Bradwell, J. Haugh, J. Newbigging, J. Parker, J. S. Quillman. 184—S. E. Murdoch, W. Treleaven, D. Walden. 185—J. Luck, W. Parker, P. M. Senn. 186—C. E. Johnson, J. Tweedie, E. J. Laffamme, N. G. Ross, J. H. Molloy, A. M. Johnston, H. A. Conroy. 194—H. H. Hunt, W. E. Paine, C. Collins. 200—P. Dickinson, W. Y. Watts. 203—J. R. Wissler, M. Doenbecker. 207—G. Richardson, R. Bethune, N. Watson. 209a—L. S. Manning. 209—R. J. Drysdale, B. Cunningham. 212—J. A. Charles, A. Dugdale. 215—Jas. Benson, Jas. E. Glenn, F. Saunders. 218—J. McA. Currie, P. Brancier, R. Miller, G. F. Bishoprick, T. Black, J. Beamish, J. C. Gough, G. Hastings, J. Kennedy, L. Levinsky, J. S. Elliott, A. Rosbach. 219—Jas. A. Todd, Jas. H. McCullough. 221—W. W. Bonswell, S. Holt, N. Hixson, W. Cavers, H. Patrick, S. Carr. 222—A. H. Fair. 224—James Logan, John Moffat. 225—F. C. McDowell, A. B. McCallum, J. Briggs, A. Hess, A. Katol. 229—I. R. Armstrong, E. H. Rice.

230—W. H. Ainley. 232—John McLean, Neil McLean. 233—E. F. Stevenson, P. Stewart. 238—L. C. Rogers, George Alexander, J. W. Hannah. 242—J. Stewart, D. May, T. McMillan, W. J. Herkison, R. Storey, J. P. Miller, J. B. Saunders. 243—J. Vansickle, J. R. Neff, P. Wilson. 247—J. A. McMurtry. 250—R. McKay. 258—Charles Bolton. 260—T. Stark, J. T. Mitchell. 262—A. Irvine, M. Wells. 263—J. Davis, W. H. Bennett, G. R. Germain, D. McDougall, J. P. Draper. 265—A. Miller, A. Hendricks, J. W. Harris. 272—John Kenrick, Geo. Gurnett. 279—J. A. Houritt. 285—John Strachan. 294—James Muir, M. B. McGregor, D. K. Stinton, George Smith, H. L. Comes, N. L. Carpenter. 296—J. R. Munro W. Pattison, T. J. Hammel, J. A. Bennet, Charles Munro. 302—J. Caldecott, W. H. King, N. Love, J. R. Lee, R. Wiseley, J. M. Glenn, D. B. Drake, T. Stone, A. J. McKillop, H. Kelso, S. Estlick, I. Dayell, M. S. Carl, D. M. Bell, T. A. Clark. 305—M. J. Conron. 306—H. McFayden, G. A. Blackburn, J. K. Smith, J. F. Mowat, D. McKinnon. 311—E. J. Walsh, A. Cook, W. H. Gee, T. E. Stone. 313—T. J. Bird, W. Wason. 314—K. Doherty. 316—S. Adlard, F. H. Cooper, R. Childs, J. H. Fawell, W. F. Hobson, S. G. Saywell. 319—J. J. Smith, A. G. Dean. 320—A. Franklin, A. C. Cameron, A. H. D. McMillan, W. D. M. Bell. 325—J. N. Stewart, J. Sutherland, J. Kennedy. 326—F. E. Chrysler, J. B. Carlie, C. E. McDonald, A. P. Cochrane. 334—Geo. Hudson, J. Dennis, A. Kilzour, G. H. Small. 337—P. Rock, E. Shameholt, D. Shameholt. 339—J. Haliburton, J. Ingham, W. Moss, A. N. Macdonald, S. G. Newland, J. Renison, J. Stuart, B. Vise, T. McC. Whitesides. 341—J. McDermott, J. Graham, Thos. Hall, K. McDonald. 343—A. Ego, E. Rose, J. H. Parks, R. D. Morton, J. E. Parks. 345—Thos. Flin. 346—J. L. Bird, J. K. Belyea, N. Canessa, Jas. Fawcett, S. Jardine, R. West, A. T. Southcombe, W. C. Brown, G. H. Crawford, W. P. Arnall. 354—J. F. Taylor, D. McDonald. 359—Geo. Booker. 362—Z. Williamson, Geo. Whitford. 368—E. Asken, James Clapp, F. W. A. Brown, T. A. McCullough. 369—I. A. Clarke, T. W. Smith, W. C. Wilcox, Jno. Critchley, T. Edwards, D. Lindsay, S. Rice, G. White, W. Tomlinson. 373—J. B. Howett, J. E. Geedy. 376—G. W. Savage, W. Crompton, C. Peacock, J. Crawford. 377—J. Pochiman. 378—J. Riley, W. J. Garrett, E. Meridith, P. J. Element, F. Ellis, H. C. Symonds, Geo. Moffat, R. Gurd, W. H. Greenway, J. Kincaid. 379—T. Bunn, G. N. Kennada, W. McGuffin, J. M. Johnston, W. Ardel. 382—J. T. Bronson, J. Wright, A. McDonald, A. V. Williams. 385—J. T. Fisher, J. C. Morrison. 387—D. McFadden, J. M. Phillips. 388—S. Harding, J. D. O'Neil, Thos. Hodgins. 389—T. F. Chickley, J. T. Mott, H. McDonald. 390—J. C. Lawrence, T. M. Wilson, C. G. Belling. 392—D. F. Smith, C. E. Gundy. 394—J. H. McKenzie, G. C. Brock. 396—A. Quilman, T. Knight. 397—B. F. Hill, Thos. Rose, J. H. Lawrence, Robt. Green, W. Manley. 398—T. G. Fyers, T. Wyley, J. Harvey, D. C. McDougall, G. Silverthorn, J. Collins, A. E. Staback, Jas. McNabb. 401—J. F. Stokes, C. E. Greenaere. 402—W. R. Rodd, D. C. Horton. 403—W. L. Cameron, R. H. F. Wilson, John Maycock, Jas. W. Riggs. 405—Wm. Hogarth, J. A. Hurdman, J. H. Ryce, W. J. Small, R. N. Wilkinson, Jas. Thompson, C. F. Tucker, S. T. McMeekin, Thos. Cuthbert, J. A. McMartin, P. A. Ferguson. 406—H. McDougall, S. Swanton. 410—Jos. Satten, W. E. Booth, J. W. Curry. 41—W. Penniston. 419—W. Campbell, M. Stauffer. 420—Jas. A. Milne. 422—J. J. Reintgen, F. H. Pope. 423—Geo. Thomas, M. A. Dean, H. Irwin, N. McEachern, W. G. McDonald, J. P. Shaw, H. McMillan, W. M. Kennedy. 426—Thos. E. Frankish. 427—H. N. Atkinson, H. H. Loomis, H. L. Nicholson, H. Curran, J. M. Austin. 429—G. S. Canfield.

RESTORATIONS, 1894-5.

No. 3—John Breden, D. W. Leonard. 6—J. A. Bennet. 11—C. A. Munson. 15—S. G. Dolson, G. R. King. 18—W. H. Orchard. 20—D. McMillan, John McMurphy. 24—J. Lindsay. 27—H. M. Melville, A. G. Robinson. 28—W. B. Jones. 31—Wm. Wright, J. M. Pierce. 32—S. W. Brown, C. Oldfield, R. B. Patterson. 33—T. Hackstep, H. Clucas. 35—R. Sansom, J. E. Baker. 44—H. Thompson. 52—J. W. McDonald. 55—A. Burchill. 61—John Campbell. 62—H. J. Ince. 65—C. M. Larsen, W. A. Snarr, Geo. B. Stock, J. Townsend. 69—J. A. McConnell, M. Wickett. 72—J. Murchev, J. W. Middleton. 73—Alex. Sutherland. 75—B. Jennings. 76—Robt. Davis, L. Broder. 77—Fred. Reeves. 79—Wm. Holmes. 82—G. T. Simpson. 83—J. H. Robb. 84—W. B. Robb. 86—John Kennedy. 90—M. J. Pomphrey, John Reed. 91—Jas. A. Kelley, J. J. Campbell. 93—T. C. Bartholomew. 94—M. Fraser. 97—C. H. Lepard, F. Robinson. 98—J. D. Stevenson. 103—Samuel Cole. 106—A. Steedsman. 107—W. E. Scott. 113—C. Whale. 118—Jos. Larkin. 119—W. McDonald. 121—C. K. McGregor, D. C. McNair, Geo. Mortimore. 122—H. E. O'Harro. 131—W. S. Scott, John Ross. 133—John Glenn, Wm. Irving. 137—J. T. Patterson. 142—W. J. Mullin. 143—J. J. Glasford. 144—T. Rogers. 149—Geo. Gutter, D. Turner. 158—Jas. Hazler. 171—John Cascaden, John Johnson. 177—A. Chatfield. 181—Alex. Begg. 184—N. McMillen. 192—Jos. Hill, Robt. Manier. 194—H. H. Hunt. 201—A. E. Ormiston. 209—W. C. Caldwell. 221—Jas. Weeks, Wm. Cavers. 272—Thos. Warren. 230—F. Wilmott.

237—Walter Hoag. 247—G. S. Miller. 249—Chas. J. Parker. 262—Martin H. Patmore. 265—Wm. T. Clay. 266—D. McKillop. 267—J. A. Tilt, I. M. Crowell. 270—C. Connors. 284—E. B. Burt. 285—J. A. Henderson. 287—E. V. Robinson. 293—A. Mosalli. 294—Jas. Muir, O. Ross, S. Langford. 296—W. K. Pattison, J. A. Beament. 302—P. Allen, J. M. Conroy, W. A. Dier. 312—Jas. Fraser, W. N. Ayres, D. Sutherland. 316—G. W. Dower, W. K. Rosenstengel. 322—Theo. Rixon. 324—W. F. Broughton. 325—Wm. T. Newry. 326—J. T. Jones. 330—W. C. Bullock. 334—James G. Graham. 339—James Carnschan, J. J. Walsh. 343—D. H. Sprague, S. Johnson, J. T. Bradshaw. 346—J. C. Sutherland. 348—James Patterson, J. E. Cooper. 367—J. T. Jones. 377—James Constable. 378—J. Stevenson. 390—W. E. Amsden. 403—R. W. Johnston, R. H. F. Wilson, W. L. Cameron. 405—Thomas Cuthbert. 409—S. Caswell. 410—E. C. Davis, H. C. Slaght, E. G. Mingay, C. C. Robinson. 420—J. A. Milne, P. J. Janbert, J. Scott, G. W. Stein. 425—D. F. McDonald, D. K. Stenton. 428—T. C. Forman.

DEATHS, 1894-95.

No. 2.—Robert Best, 4th July, '94. 3—R. M. Horsey, 7th November, '94; Jas. Northmore, 31st March, '95. 5—W. Fitzsimmons, 13th July, '94; T. Koyle, 20th January, '95; A. F. Hagaman, 15th February, '95. 6—L. Moore, 9th September, '94; W. Jamieson, 8th November, '94; L. Fallis, 3rd February, '95; W. W. Summers, 18th February, '95; J. Jardine, 19th February, '95; W. Parmer, 21st May, '95. 10—Jos. Bond, 8th November, '94. 11—H. McCarthy, 25th February, '95. 18—F. Cooper, 27th October, '94; A. S. Patterson, 6th June, '95. 20—H. L. Kifner, 20th April, '94; James Moffat, 18th September, '94. 22—R. Ardagh, 27th January, '95; P. J. Slater, 11th March, '95; R. White, 13th March '95. 25—L. B. Young, 15th November, '94; H. Holdon, — February, '95; H. W. Davis, 19th March, '95; 26—J. S. Baker, 22nd October, '94; F. Murphy, 1st November, '94. 27—W. Hyndman, 26th January, '95; W. W. Summers, 18th February, '95. 29—M. P. Ketchum, 1st October, '94. 30—R. R. Orr, 15th September, '94; Y. Gibson, 28th December, '94. 31—Alexander McNab, 15th November, '94. 32—Joseph Mumby, 7th November, '94; R. B. Patterson, 12th August, '94; F. Clarke, 22nd May, '95. 33—James Addison, 12th August, '94; Wm. Craig, sr., 11th February, '95; G. F. Toms, 14th May, '95; R. Price, 21st May, '95. 35—N. Lockie, 20th June, '95. 37—W. Thompson, 3rd Jan., '95. 40—J. G. Buchanan, 10th Oct., '94; T. Harbottle, 12th October, '94; Wm. Wood, 25th December, '94; I. Morris, 2nd January, '95; W. W. Summers, 18th February, '95; Robert Harper, 6th March, '95; R. McDonald, 13th March, '95. 42—John Tanton, 27th July, '94. 44—W. A. Smith, 16th March, '95. 45—L. T. Whitehead, 11th June, '95. 47—C. Young, 22nd April, '95. 50—J. Y. Weeks, 16th October, '93; J. C. Davidson, 26th January, '94; W. Parliament, 3rd March, '95. 52—J. Cunningham, 18th December, '94. 56—W. Abernethy, no date. 58—E. G. Williams, 19th January, '95. 61—W. W. Summers, 18th February, '95; H. D. Bassett, 1st June, '95. 63—Arch. Blair, 4th February, '94. 64—James Gray, July, '94; G. Powell, 4th September, '94; N. Wilson, 1st October, '94; T. G. Morris, 3rd November, '94. 65. T. Fauscomb, 30th September, '94; W. A. Shepard, 28th September, '94; A. A. Graham, 4th October, '94. 66—M. W. Bayley, 3rd January, '95. 68—J. W. Palethorpe, 14th August, '94. 75—G. R. S. Loring, 28th February, '95; Thomas Dean, 1st May, '95; J. Pringle, 1st May, '95. 76—C. J. Crook, 6th October, '94; W. McKay, 26th February, '95; J. W. Workman, 27th February, '95. 77—D. S. Carmichael, June, '95. 79—J. W. H. Wilson, no date; W. Wallace, 31st December, '92; S. Boyd, 18th Sept. '92; 81—John Lee, 5th July, '94; A. T. Bolton, 7th September, '94. 82—J. H. Hackland, 3rd July, '94; L. P. D. Japierre, 30th July '94. 83—H. E. Seymour, 13th September, '94. 84—James Young, 25th August, '94. 85—Charles Rawsome, 27th December, '94. 87—J. A. Reesor, 1st January, '95. 88—Robert Crawford, 31st January, '95; Thomas Fraser, 4th April, '94; 90—Charles Beattie, November, '94; Robert Day, 4th April, '95. 92—W. F. Arniel, 1st December, '94. 96—John Musgrove, 22nd December '94; F. Edwards, 5th February, '95. 97—R. Park, 26th September, '94. 99—Wm. Mallory, 6th Aug., '94. 103—James Boyle, 18th February, '95; R. Struthers, 8th April, '95. 104—H. S. Losee, 17th August, '94. 108—E. P. Collins, 7th June, '95. 110—John Robinson, 27th December, '94. 113—James Sanderson, no date; E. Matthews, 6th March, '95. 119—P. R. Davy, 15th March, '95. 123—G. S. Wright 16th September, '94; L. G. Choquette, 14th January, '95. 125—J. Waite, 20th June, '95. 128—A. G. Schrowder, 23rd January, '95. 129—R. W. Hillary, 21st October, '94. 131—D. H. Cameron, 22nd February, '95. 133—H. Samwell, 9th April, '95. 135—James Hume, 12th January, '94. 136—John McDonald, 6th October, '94. 137—S. Latimer, 12th January, '94. 140—J. H. Ingram, 16th August, '94. 143—R. Dilliabough, 10th August, '94. 145—Jacob Atkins, 28th September, '94. 146—Wm. Lamb, 23rd October, '94. 148—Geo. Y. Crookshanks, 6th August, '94; P. Veale, 17th August, '94. 149—A. Petrie, 2nd February, '95; John A. Innes, 8th September, '94. 151—C. P. Quirmbach, 26th June, '95. 154—W. E. Turner, December, '92. 155—Sam Ridpath, 5th January, '95. 158—R. W. Gorslin, 14th

March, '95; James Keating, 14th December, '94. 159—John Bennett, 4th October, '94; E. G. Wilkits, 12th January, '95. 161—J. J. Dingman, 19th July, '94. 164—R. Murphy, 3rd June, '95. 169—James R. Hann, September, '92; E. Thuresson, no date; T. Zarity, 17th March, '95. 170—W. J. Chesney, 17th December, '94. 171—J. J. Campbell, 2nd September, '94. 174—B. Killmaster, 31st October, '94; E. Morton, no date. 177—F. Toms, 25th February, '95. 178—Thomas Rieshurry, 16th April, '95. 181—W. A. Glover, 1st December, '94; F. Raymond, 20th March, '95. 184—John West, 28th January, '95. 192—John Hoy, 2nd April, '95. 196—George Stevens, 14th September, '94. 197—E. R. Kerr, '94; H. B. O'Connor, 22nd October, '94; R. B. Hughes, 18th April, '95. 209a—J. S. Deacon, 31st August, '94; J. F. Gallagher, 13th March, '95. 209—Jas. Donald, 10th January, '93; T. R. Bullock, 29th March, '94. 216—A. Sutherland, 10th May, '94; H. Vodden, 6th June, '94. 217—Luke Cook, 15th December, '94. 218—A. T. Johnston, 29th November, '94; J. W. Baunting, 6th January, '95; James McKay, 9th March, '95. 219—Robert E. Harrison, 22nd September, '94. 220—John Bascom, 23rd July, '94. 221—M. McDonald, 23rd September, '94. 222—Samuel R. Pearl, 4th June, '95. 225—Josh S. Bowman, 8th April, '95. 230—T. Edwards, 23rd January, '95. 233—A. Glendenning, 8th August, '95. 234—R. H. Hunt, 3rd July, '94. 237—E. Roberts, 3rd May, '95; T. Moore, 27th December, '94. 238—T. G. Morris, 30th October, '94. 239—A. McGowan, 4th February, '95. 242—I. Mallory, 27th December, '94. 245—H. Buller, 8th November, '94. 247—Wm. Stewart, January, '95; F. J. Menet, March, '95; R. H. Howard, 29th May, '95. 253—George W. Robinson, 25th May, '95. 254—John Forrest, 12th January, '95; Daniel A. Shilbock, 26th May, '95. 260—H. E. Lawrason, 17th May, '95. 264—James Woodrow, 10th June, '94; A. Wheatley, 2nd July, '94. 265—F. J. Jewell, 1st June, '95. 237—George W. Kinney, 14th January, '95. 269—A. P. Buse, 29th January, '95. 271—A. H. McKinnon, 27th December, '94. 272—Hy. Richardson, 28th October, '94. 274—John Cameron, 23rd March, '95. 276—H. B. O'Connor, 22nd October, '94. 278—John White, 24th September, '94. 292—Hy. Mordecai, May, '95. 293—A. Mordecai, August, '91. 294—Wm. Abernethy, 21st July, '94; A. Armstrong, 12th April, '95. 296—R. H. Smith, 8th August, '95. 302—J. M. Conroy, 1st March, '95. 303—A. H. Tierney, 28th Dec., '94; O. Young, 15th Jan., '95. 307—L. Kinsley, 5th Feb., '95. 312—J. R. Morton, 4th Dec., '94. 316—Geo. Thorpe, 9th May, '95. 322—Frank Reid, 13th Oct., '94. 324—W. Heeney, 14th June, '94; W. W. Summers, 18th Feb., '95; E. Bowstead, 31st March, '95. 326—P. J. Slater, 11th March, '95; F. J. Menet, 4th April, '95. 328—J. C. Beer, 29th January, '95. 332—W. McIntosh, 30th June, '94. 334—W. Henderson, 30th January, '95. 337—G. A. Thomas, 27th April, '95. 339—James Agre, 25th September, '94; W. W. Walton, 29th September, '94; W. Miller, 2nd October, '94; T. W. Depier, 16th May, '95. 343—Angus Ego, June, '95. 345—C. McClary, 7th June, '95. 346—James Brown, 10th March, '95. 356—M. W. Cook, 8th January, '95. 360—P. E. W. Meinardus, 17th August, '94. 367—Thomas Murray, 19th May, '94. 369—John W. West, no date. 370—A. Coleman, 4th December, '94. 371—S. Rogers, 24th May, '95; Wm. Mills, 25th February, '95. 377—D. Stewart, 23rd April, '95. 382—Robert Gray, 10th July, '94; A. Blakeslee, 20th November, '94; W. W. Summers, 18th February, '95. 384—Robert Coffey, July, '94. 386—T. Harris, 13th December, '94; P. D. Johnson, 10th January, '95. 387—C. Stewart, 20th May, '94. 388—C. W. Walden, 6th February, '95. 390—A. Bodkin, 21st June, '95. 392—J. G. Lamont, October, '94. 394—J. McLeod, 16th June, '95. 402—Thos. Cook, 12th Dec., '94. 404—E. Carran, 31st March, '95. 305—James Russell, 4th April, '95. 406—James McMullen, 16th January, '95. 409—Angus Cook, 12th December, '94. 414—J. F. Philbin, 14th June, '95. 418—C. A. Switzer, 3rd October, '94. 424—John Andrew, 20th November, '94. 425—John McCullough, 17th May, '94; D. F. McDonald, 19th April, '95. 431—A. McArthur, 23rd February, '95.

In Memoriam.

Most Worshipful Brother

JAMES MOFFAT,

P. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London; Past Grand Master.

Died 18th September, A.D. 1894.

Right Worshipful Brother

ISAAC F. TOMS,

P. M. Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich; P. D. D. G. M.
Huron District.

Died 14th April, A.D. 1895.

Right Worshipful Brother

FREDERICK J. MENET,

P. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto; P. D. D. G. M. Toronto
District.

Died 4th April, A.D. 1895.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Brother

WILLIAM McKAY,

P. M. Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Wookstock; P. D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District.

Died 26th February, A. D., 1895.

Right Worshipful Brother

L. H. HENDERSON,

P. M. Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville; P. D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District.

Died July, A. D., 1895.

Right Worshipful Brother

Rev. David Armstrong, D. D.

P. M. Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright; Past
Grand Chaplain.

Died 13th April, A. D. 1895.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Brother

REV. H. W. DAVIES, D.D.

P. M. Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto; Past
Grand Chaplain.

Died 19th March, A.D. 1895.

Very Worshipful Brother

WALTER KERR,

P. M. Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville; Past Grand
Director of Ceremonies.

Very Worshipful Brother

H. B. O'CONNOR,

P. M. Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater; Past Grand
Steward.

Died 22nd October, A.D. 1891.

In Memoriam.

Very Worshipful Brother

R. STRUTHERS,

P. M. Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Cathrines; Past
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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1895.

Report on Correspondence.

HENRY ROBERTSON, P. G. M., *Chairman.*

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their annual report. All the Grand Lodge Proceedings which have come to hand have been carefully examined. The most important actions of each Jurisdiction have been noted, and the most interesting passages have been copied, in order to present to our Brethren in this Jurisdiction as complete a synopsis as possible of the doings in the Masonic world during the past year.

The Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges will be noticed in the usual alphabetical order, and a list will be given at the end of the report. We are gratified at being able to present a full list this year, none of the Jurisdictions on this continent being absent. The transactions of 58 Grand Lodges have been reviewed.

The general reader has not the time to peruse, nor the opportunity of access to, all these Proceedings; and your committee have endeavored to render assistance to the ever-increasing number of Masonic students who are desirous of becoming better acquainted with the workings of our time-honored Fraternity.

ALABAMA.

74th Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 4, 1894.

Francis L. Pettus, G. M.

The great masses of the people are in a better condition than they have been for years, and Masonry is correspondingly prosperous. Six new lodges were formed. The District Conferences were successful, and the Grand Master was impressed with their importance and usefulness. He made a number of decisions, among which we note the following :

"A petition was presented to the lodge, a committee appointed and reported favorably, but at the time the report was made the candidate was dead.

"The question was asked, whether or not a ballot should be held on the petition, and what should be done with the money paid in.

"HELD: That a ballot in such a case would be a mere mockery, and should not be had, and the money paid in was upon the theory that the applicant would be elected to receive the degree. The money belonged to his estate, and should be properly refunded."

"I held that the Worshipful Master has fallen into a grievous error in refusing to accord to the remains of the dead brother an honorable Masonic interment, but that in the nature of things, the Masonic services could not be performed over his grave after his burial, but advised that a special session of the lodge be held for the purpose, and that the proper memorial services should be held, either in the lodge room or publicly, which I have since been informed was done.

"A member of a lodge cannot appeal from the decision of the Worshipful Master to the lodge. His appeal must be directly to the Grand Lodge.

"Charges were preferred in a lodge against a brother, and a meeting was specially summoned for the purpose of trying him, and in the summons the name of the defendant appeared.

"The question was, whether or not it was proper for the summons to show the name of the defendant.

"The Constitution, Article 7, Rule 6, is as follows: 'The examination of the charges shall be in a lodge specially notified for that purpose,' etc.

"The summoning of a lodge for a specific purpose would seem to carry with it the idea of informing the brethren what that purpose was,—which is the trial of the party against whom the charges were preferred. In my opinion, the meeting would be proper and legal, whether it was for the purpose of trying a member of that lodge, or whether it was for the purpose of trying a member of any lodge.

"HELD: That the vote of the lodge should be taken by a call of roll on all questions as to guilt, or assessment of punishment.

"In taking a vote upon the guilt or innocence of the accused, none of the members of the lodge, except the accused and those related to him, and the prosecutor, are required to withdraw. The other members of the lodge have the right to remain and vote.

"So far as I am informed, the question about to be reported has not been heretofore passed upon in any published report in this Grand Jurisdiction. The question arose with reference to the lodges in and around Birmingham, in Jefferson County. Birmingham and Woodlawn are in the same county, but each is a separate municipality, having a separate municipal government, and legally defined boundaries. A citizen of Birmingham applied to a lodge at Woodlawn for membership. The question was whether or not he could be made a Mason in the lodge at Woodlawn without first applying to the lodge in Birmingham for their consent.

"Section 13, of Article 6, of the Constitution, is as follows: 'When any person petitions to be made a Mason who resides in any other town where a lodge is holden, or nearer any regular lodge than that in which he is proposed, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the lodge to write to such other lodge to know if they have ever refused him admission, and if they know of any just and sufficient

reason why he should not become a Mason; and without such inquiry and answer thereto, no such petition must be acted on.'

"I held that while it is the general rule that the jurisdiction of one lodge extends in all directions one-half of the distance to the nearest lodge, that in my opinion that this rule could never apply where the jurisdiction extended into the limits of another city or town, and I held that the lodges located in Birmingham have exclusive jurisdiction of all persons residing within the limits of the city, and that no other lodge has a right to confer the degrees on a candidate without first asking and obtaining the permission of the several Birmingham lodges.

"This question has given rise to much dissension among the lodges about Birmingham in Jefferson County, and it is important that it should be settled once for all; so that the Birmingham lodges and the lodges in Jefferson County about Birmingham, may know their rights in the premises.

"A member of a lodge was regularly tried and expelled by his lodge, and at a Communication subsequently regularly called for that purpose he was restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

"The question was what status did such Mason occupy? And what evidence should be furnished to a lodge to whom he should afterwards apply, of the fact that he was in good standing as a Mason.

"HELD: That a Mason so situated is not entitled to a Dimit, but has the right to, and should be furnished with a statement of the facts in the case, under the seal of the lodge, and the further fact that at a certain time he applied for and was restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry; that such certificate would answer all the purposes of a Dimit.

"A member of one lodge committed a Masonic offence within the jurisdiction of another lodge, and charges were preferred in the lodge in whose jurisdiction the offence was committed.

"The question was, whether the lodge in which the charges were preferred, had the right to try.

"HELD: That both lodges had jurisdiction of the case, and the charges having been preferred in the lodge in whose jurisdiction the offense was committed, the case should be tried in that lodge.

"A petition for initiation was presented to King Solomon Lodge, and was regularly referred to a committee and reported. At the time of making of the report, the petitioner had become so afflicted, by no fault of his own, as to make it impossible to receive the degrees, although at the time of the reception of the petition he was entirely a fit subject to take degrees. The lodge desired by a vote of the lodge to allow the petition to be withdrawn.

"I held, with much regret, however, that the petition could not be withdrawn, but a ballot must be had upon it. That the petition, having been made, must proceed to a ballot. The ruling was one which involved a hardship, and while I did not feel at liberty to override the uniform current of decisions on this subject, I think it would be well if some provision could be made for exceptions in cases of this sort."

A proposal was made to increase the Grand Lodge dues from fifty cents to one dollar, and one-half of same to go to a fund for a Masonic Home. This proposition was referred to

the lodges for action therein, and the following resolutions were passed :

"1. That the Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama appoint a suitable person to write an address to the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction on the subject of a 'Masonic Home,' and furnish a copy of same to the Grand Secretary.

"2. That the Grand Secretary, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, have five hundred copies of this address printed; and in submitting this change of the Constitution in reference to Grand Lodge dues, one of these addresses be enclosed, requesting the Master of the subordinate lodge to read the same to the members of his lodge before voting on the proposed change in the Constitution."

Bro. Palmer J. Pillans presented another of his excellent reports on Correspondence, reviewing all the Proceedings except two. He says that he derives much pleasure from the perusal of our Proceedings, "because there pervades in the whole course of this Grand Lodge a spirit of frankness and fairness, showing neither fear or favor, but reprehending when it is deserved and bestowing praise when praise is due."

Lodges, 360; members, 10,707; decrease, 285.

George P. Harrison, (Opelika), G. M.

H. Clay Armstrong, (Montgomery), G. S.

ARIZONA.

13th Communication, Phoenix, Nov. 13, 1894.

Their Grand Master, Bro. Dayton A. Reed, died in office, and the session was opened by Bro. R. N. Fredericks, D. G. M. In his address he says :

"Our Territory, with the exception of a few localities, is in a fairly prosperous condition; we have been blessed with abundant rains and good crops, our population is steadily increasing, and we hope the day is not far distant when the name of Arizona will be enrolled among the Grand Sisterhood of States, thereby giving to our citizens those rights and privileges of which they are now deprived."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred certain portions of the address of the acting Grand Master, made the following report, which was adopted :

"We concur in the decision of the late Grand Master Reed, that Masons should appear in public in Masonic clothing on Masonic occasions only. Also that it is not proper for a Masonic Lodge to appear as a lodge at the funeral of a brother when the services are conducted by Knights Templar. The late Grand Master decided that the 'Master with his Lodge should appear in public in Masonic clothing on funeral occasions only.' This we think is drawing the line too closely, and deem it proper that it should include the dedication of Masonic buildings, and the laying of corner stones of churches and public edifices.

"In regard to the Acting Grand Master's decision, in the case of J. A. May, who committed suicide in August last, while in our opinion

the merits of the case fully justified the decision that the deceased was not entitled to Masonic burial, we consider it our duty to recommend that in case of suicide, if reasonable ground of insanity be shown, the deceased should not be debarred from a Masonic burial, and respectfully offer the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That in case of the suicide of a Master Mason in good standing in this jurisdiction, the Master and Wardens of the lodge to which he belonged, or the Master and Wardens of the lodge in whose jurisdiction the suicide was committed, shall determine as to his insanity and as to the propriety of interring him with Masonic honors."

Lodges, 11 ; members, 513 ; increase, 2.

Rickmer N. Fredericks, (Prescott), G. M.

George J. Roskrue, (Tucson), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

55th Communication, Little Rock, Nov. 20, 1894.

J. M. Harkey, G. M.

The past year has been one of peace and prosperity. Four new lodges were formed. The following paragraph from the address of the Grand Master is worthy of attention :

"I find in reading over the reports from different lodges and District Deputy Grand Masters that some of the lodges are very poor and they drag along without money. On investigation, I found they did not charge any dues against their members except the amount they have to pay to the Grand Lodge, and in this way they have no money for charitable purposes. They depend on conferring degrees to get enough money to run the expenses of their lodge and still have no money for charity, and in this way they get in need of money. They are liable to make a Mason of a man that is not worthy. I think it is a good plan for the subordinate lodges to at least assess against its members \$1.50 per annum dues, and none should be less ; but \$2 would be better. I find where the District Deputy Grand Masters have visited all their lodges that there are no questions on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence asked the Grand Master. I think it is the duty of District Deputy Grand Masters to visit any lodge in his District, settle all little difficulties that may have arisen, and see that Secretary's books are all right, answer all questions on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, exemplify work and lectures, and above all give good lectures on the moral principles of Freemasonry."

The following resolutions were adopted :

"That each Subordinate Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction do give the fee to the amount of \$10 for the first initiation after the closing of the Grand Lodge each year, until the debt on the Temple is paid ; the same to become a Temple fund, at the disposal of this Grand Lodge." * * *

"That the Board of Control be requested to provide a hall in the Temple for the accommodation of the Order of Eastern Star, if such be practicable."

Lodges, 428 ; members, 13,672 ; increase, 105.

N. P. Richmond, (Malvern), G. M.

Fay Hempstead, (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

23rd Communication, New Westminster, June 21, 1894.

The interruption of railway traffic caused by the floods prevented the attendance of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Sibree Clarke, of Kamloops, and the session was presided over by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. B. McMicking.

The Craft during the year were peaceful and progressive. No serious difficulties were encountered, and four new lodges were formed.

The following resolutions were adopted :

"That the entire revenue of the Charity Fund for the year be rebated to the subordinate lodges in proportion to charities dispensed by them to transient brethren or distressed brethren of this jurisdiction. * * *

"That from the inability of many of the lodges to be represented at this communication, the consideration of the revision of constitution be postponed until a special communication for that purpose to be called at the discretion of the M. W. Grand Master."

Bro. Marcus Wolfe continues the good work in the Correspondence department. Canada for 1893 receives due notice. In his concluding remarks, he says :

"The usual differences in questions of Masonic law and custom have prevailed and will no doubt go on until the end, as each jurisdiction makes her own laws in nearly all questions ; even there is no unanimity as to the 'Ancient Landmarks,' and more is the pity that it should be so.

The 'non-affiliate' is still a source of great annoyance, and the best way to deal with them is taxing the brains of nearly every jurisdiction. One good way to lessen the evil is to make fewer Masons and have 'quality and not quantity.' Let investigating committees use more precaution and circumspection and not be too ready to report 'favorable,' and we shall have fewer 'demitted Masons.'"

Lodges, 17 ; members, 1,076 : increase, 108.

R. B. McMicking, (Victoria), G. M.

W. J. Quinlan, (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

45th Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 9, 1894.

Henry Sayre Orme, G. M.

From his very excellent address we make the following extracts :

"It is a subject for congratulation that, though the business interests of California have suffered a great depression during the past year, our Order has maintained its general prosperity, not having been involved in the political and industrial questions which have agitated the public. By a strict adherence to the ancient landmarks and the established tenets of our profession we avoid the storms

which wreck other societies, and continue unabated our works of benevolence.

"We should not be unmindful that ambitious men in certain foreign countries have heretofore sought to pervert our Order from its legitimate purposes of social brotherhood and charity, to political intrigue, and that the result has always been disastrous to Freemasonry.

"In religion we have always refused to be sectarian, and religious zealots have charged us with being irreligious. No accusation could be more unjust, as numerous devout men of various creeds who are found among us can testify, and the open Bible upon the altar of every lodge, and the invocation to Deity in our ceremonies signify the religious spirit which animates the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

"I have had several inquiries from lodges desirous of adopting some system of life membership, but have been obliged to refuse my approval to the plans so far presented, as they did not, in my opinion, offer sufficient security to the lodge to warrant it in divesting itself of what might be an indispensable source of revenue. As I deem this question important to determine, I suggest that the subject be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for a thorough examination, that we may determine intelligently the safe minimum amount that will justify a lodge in divesting itself of regular dues in exchange for life membership."

Four new lodges were formed.

Bro. William A. Davies reports on correspondence.

A number of important matters were passed upon by the committee on Jurisprudence, and in most cases their conclusions were adopted. On the question of the power of the Master to disobey the instructions of his lodge, their deductions are correct :

"In matters coming before the Grand Lodge the Master of a lodge is not bound to follow instructions from his lodge, but should act and vote upon his own judgment."

"We do not think this decision should be approved. In the early days of our Society all its members had the right to attend and participate in the proceedings of the Grand or Governing Body. Dr. MACKAY says: 'Originally the whole Craft were not only permitted but required to be present at the general assembly which was annually held, and every member of a lodge was in this way a member of that body, and was able by his personal presence to protect his rights and those of his brethren. But soon after the beginning of the last century, it being found inconvenient to continue such large assemblages of the fraternity, the lodges placed their rights in the protecting care of their Masters and Wardens, and the Grand Lodge has ever since been a strictly representative body.'"

"The regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1721 show conclusively that the Master and Wardens were required to represent the will of their constituencies upon all questions in regard to which that will had been declared.

"The tenth of these regulations reads:

"The majority of every particular lodge, when congregated, shall have the privilege of giving instructions to their Master and Wardens before the assembling of the Grand Chapter or Lodge, at the three

quarterly communications hereafter mentioned, and of the annual Grand Lodge too; because their Masters and Wardens are their representatives and are supposed to speak their mind.

"It is competent for any Grand Lodge to modify or repeal any of these regulations, but unless specifically or by necessary implication modified or repealed, they are universally recognized as a part of our law

"This regulation, with only a slight change in form, is still a part of the written Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England. We are unable to state how many of our Grand Lodges have adopted this regulation as a part of the written Constitutions, but we find it expressed in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in this wise:—

"The majority of the members of any Lodge, when duly assembled, shall have the right to instruct their Master and Wardens as their representatives in Grand Lodge. (Sec. 6, Art. I, Part Fourth.)

"And in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in this wise:—

"When sitting in Grand Communication, the Master or Wardens, or such of them who may attend, have full power and authority to represent their lodge, and to transact all business therein, as fully as if all their members were there present. Nevertheless the representatives of every lodge are subject to such instructions as may be given them by their respective lodges for their conduct in Grand Communication.

"Our Constitution declares the Master and Wardens of each chartered lodge members of Grand Lodge as representatives of their lodges, but no specified rule is declared in regard to the right of the lodge to instruct its representatives. It is worthy of note, however, that in the Article in regard to voting and representation (Article VI, Part I), it says: 'Each lodge represented shall be entitled to three votes.'—Sec. 3.

"The natural inference from the language there used would be, that whenever the lodge had declared its will, the representative would be under obligation to respect it. But we need not rely upon inferences to be drawn, because, in our judgment, the old regulation which we have quoted is in force in this jurisdiction and declares the law by which we must be governed until this Grand Lodge shall abrogate or modify it."

The same committee decided that the loss of one eye is a bar to initiation. With this we do not agree. A man with one eye is not "incapable of learning the art," and he is quite "able to conform to what the several degrees require of him."

On the subject of Life Membership there is the following deliverance:

"Relative to Life Membership.—This is one of the subjects presented in the Grand Master's Address, and one to which the committee have given attention during the year, but they have been unable to devise a plan satisfactory to themselves. They are agreed that the amount to be paid for such membership should be a full equivalent for dues, and that all sums paid in for that purpose should be paid into and constitute a special fund to be securely invested in interest paying funds or property, and that no lodge

should be permitted to draw upon the principal of that fund for any purpose except for investment. But the questions undetermined are:

"1. What shall be the minimum sum to be received for such membership; and,

"2. How can it be so invested as to make it a perpetual fund, the interest or income from which only can be used by the lodge."

In the face of a very strong adverse report from the Committee on Jurisprudence, the following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved, By the Grand Lodge of California, that the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction are hereby authorized to expend, in each Masonic year, a sum not exceeding five per cent. of their total revenue for the preceding Masonic year, for purposes of refreshment and the promotion of fraternal intercourse; *provided*, no expenditure whatever shall be made for spirituous, malt or fermented liquors."

A clandestine French lodge in Los Angeles applied to be allowed to transfer its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of California, but the request was declined. The conclusion of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence states the position as follows:

"The question then recurs, Can we receive this lodge and its members into our family, and, if so, under what conditions?

"We answer that, with our present knowledge only, we could not recognize or receive the lodge as a lodge: 1st, because it was instituted and has been conducted and maintained in defiance of our law as to jurisdiction; 2d, because we do know of the irregularities and clandestine character of the Supreme Council of Louisiana, by which it was originally instituted; 3d, we do not know the character or claims of the Grand Lodge under whose obedience it now holds, or what, if anything, was done with reference to those of its members who had been initiated, while it held under the Supreme Council, to relieve them from the clandestine character of their making; and 4th, because we do not know whether that Grand Lodge and its subordinate had, like the Grand Orient, stricken out from its ritual the one item of belief that we deem absolutely essential as a prerequisite to the admission of any person to our Society.

"Only one other way suggests itself to us for the accomplishment of the purpose desired by the members of that lodge, and that is for them to surrender their charter to the Grand Lodge from which it was received. That being done, so many of its members as were made in regular lodges would be free to seek affiliation and membership in other lodges, and, when a sufficient number had so placed themselves in good standing, to make application to the Grand Master for his dispensation for a new lodge. As we are advised, that lodge has hitherto worked under the Scottish Rite, and in the French language; to that we should interpose no objection, for we now have a lodge using that rite and doing its work in that language. Our claim is absolute jurisdiction over the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, by whatever rite and in whatever language conferred.

"It is apparent that we have not sufficient information to enable us to advise any action of this Grand Lodge at the present session in

regard to the request before us, and we recommend that the request be referred to the Grand Master, in the hope that, during the coming year, the 'Grande Loge Symbolique Ecossaise' will furnish to him such information and take such action with respect to the lodge 'Vallée de France' that we may not only recognize it as a Grand Lodge but enter into the most friendly relations with it. Then we should be ready to propose some method of receiving the members of that Lodge."

Lodges, 258 ; members, 17,040 ; increase, 34.

James B. Stevens, (San Francisco), G. M.

George Johnson, (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

34th Communication, Denver, Sept. 18, 1894.

Jethro C. Sanford, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says :

"The past year, as you are all aware, has been one of great financial and business distress ; but notwithstanding the great financial depression and the serious prostration of our principal industry—and, I might add, the malicious attack of the Papal authorities—Masonry still lives, and is in a very prosperous condition in this jurisdiction ; and should our brethren of the East endeavor in future to conform, in business as in Masonry, to the ancient landmarks and usages, the dawning of a bi-metallic light would give not only to Colorado, but to the whole country, stronger hopes of renewed prosperity."

A new lodge was formed at Florence.

The system of Life Membership was abolished by the adoption of the following resolution :

"In the opinion of this Grand Lodge the practice of life membership, by which a member is exempted from all future payment of dues by paying a fixed sum in cash, is against the best interests of Masonry ; Therefore the same is from this time forbidden ; Provided, however, that this action shall not in any way affect life membership heretofore granted."

In this jurisdiction three Master Masons may open a lodge and transact business, and the Apron must be worn over the outer garment

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf reports on Correspondence, and gives Canada for 1893 a good notice. He has a theory that Masonry was a complete system in its original inception, and says :

"We reiterate our position, that there has been no development in the esoteric features of Masonry, but rather a loss. New proofs and new discoveries are confirmatory of our opinion, which we have strenuously maintained in these reports. It is now discovered from the old records of The Masons Company, of London, that 'before 1631, a Lodge of Freemasons was attached to and working in har-

mony with the Company, and holding its meetings in the Masons' hall.'

"Heretofore it has been denied that any intimate connection existed between the City Company and the Society of Freemasons before the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717. Here is proof positive of the union of operative and speculative Masonry as set forth in our esoteric work. It shows conclusively that the learned philosophers of 1717 were not the fathers of our present speculative system, as many writers have long maintained. The last backward glance still finds it in the hands of plebeian workers and not 'persons of quality.'"

On the same subject Bro. Greenleaf has the following interesting and valuable remarks at the conclusion of his report :

"The views we have heretofore expressed concerning the antiquity of the degrees, have been widely copied by our fellow reviewers and have doubtless led to renewed study and investigation of this important subject. That many would take issue with us was to be expected, but the number who are in accord with us is evidence that the reaction against what we term 'the 1717 theory' has fairly set in. Having devoted so much space to this subject last year, we have no desire to enlarge upon it at this time. As to the number of the degrees in ancient times we are not disposed to be contentious. We find that the Masonic system as now existing has three degrees or divisions, and in this respect is in exact conformity to the order of the universe. These degrees or divisions we believe have prevailed from the first, until the contrary is shown.

"Whether the word *degree* is the proper word to be used or not, is a matter of some doubt; it is claimed that it cannot be found in a Masonic connection prior to 1730. In 1723, beyond a possibility of doubt, there were three grades of Masons which were designated, Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Masters, the first, third and fourth lines of an old catechism of that date running as follows :

"*First.* 'An entered Mason I have been.'

"*Third.* 'A Fellow I was sworn more rare.'

"*Fourth.* 'I know the Master's part full well.'

"We reiterate what we have heretofore contended, that the secrets of the degrees, whether conveyed in one, two or three steps, go back to remote antiquity, that they not only embraced the essentials which we now have, but many more that have been lost. We strenuously deny the assumption that Masonry has but one degree or grade in 1717, to which the other two were added. We challenge proof that the Grand Lodge of England or Anderson, or any other ritualist, ever formulated a new degree which was added to or become a part of ancient Craft Masonry. Whether the esotery which had come down to us from remote time, was divided for convenience of working or for other reasons, remains to be more fully determined.

"Writers have argued that the old guilds possessed but little, if any, knowledge of speculative Masonry as now understood; that such knowledge as they may have had was very limited, confined to a few instructions and a Mason word. It therefore, remained for

the wise philosophers of the 1717 period to formulate a system which was beyond the ability of operative Masons to conceive or practice, no matter how skilled. They denied that the archives of Masons' Company of London showed that there was any speculative society in connection therewith. All these theories have been happily set at naught by the important discoveries which have been recently made by Brother Edward Condon, Jr., in his examination of the records of the Mason's Company of London, of which he is a member. The results of his investigation are soon to be published for the benefit of the Craft. From the advance prospectus kindly sent us by Brother R. F. Gould, we quote the following:

"The author is able to prove from the records, what has hitherto only been suspected, that there actually existed early in the seventeenth century, or before 1631, a lodge of Freemasons attached to and working in harmony with the Company, and holding its meetings in the Masons' Hall."

"Brother W. H. Rylands in a note to the author, says: 'This discovery of yours will affect a good deal of our doubtful history, and there may be *much more foundation* for some of Anderson's remarks than some have believed.' (Italics ours.) Brother G. W. Speth's letter to the same author contains the following: 'The suspicion which some of us still retained, in spite of former negative assurances by members of the Company, that there was an intimate connection between the City Company and the Society of Freemasons, before the establishment of the Grand Lodge in 1717, has now been fully vindicated. I esteem it indeed a fortunate circumstance that, when at length a member of the Company has been tardily moved to write its history, which ought to have been done years ago, he should at the same time be a member of our Speculative Craft, and therefore in a position to appreciate and publish information which a profane might have overlooked as unimportant.' Brother Gould also attaches the very greatest importance to these discoveries."

Lodges, 87 ; members, 6,839 ; increase, 177.

William L. Bush, (Idaho Springs), G. M.

Ed. C. Parmelee, (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

107th Communication, New Haven, January 16, 1895.

Henry O. Warner, G. M.

They sadly mourn the loss of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler. He was Grand Secretary for over 25 years, and enjoyed the love, esteem and respect of his brethren in a very marked degree.

On the Wisconsin proposition the following report was adopted :

"The special committee, to whom has been referred the communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, relative to the relief of distressed Masonic brethren, respectfully report that while your committee are substantially in accord with the committee of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin upon the matters presented, yet in

view of the fact that the following legislation already is spread upon the record of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, see Page 195 of Grand Lodge records 1894, Sec. IX, Art. 10, to wit: 'Every Mason and Lodge are bound to afford temporary relief to a sick or distressed brother and has no legal claim for remuneration. Permanent relief is, however, the duty of the lodge of which the beneficiary is a member. A lodge should relieve the temporary necessities of a strange brother, and at once notify the lodge of which he is a member, but cannot legally claim to recover moneys expended for permanent relief, without notice to such lodge. Masonic relief is restricted to necessities, not luxuries.'

"Your committee are of the opinion that no further legislation is necessary upon this subject."

A location for their Masonic Home has been secured at Wallingford. Eighty-eight acres, with buildings, etc., were bought from the Oneida Community for \$17,500. The lodges are asked for seventy-five cents per member in aid of the Institution. The Grand Lodge dues are 25 cents per member.

We are glad to notice that our old friend and co-worker, Bro. John H. Barlow, was elected Grand Secretary, and we wish him very many years of usefulness in his new capacity. He has also taken up the reportorial work, and his experience in this line in other quarters enables him to produce a first-class review. Canada for 1894 receives due mention.

Lodges, 111; members, 16,514; increase, 467.

Henry O. Warner, (New Milford), G. M.

John H. Barlow, (Hartford), G. S.

CUBA.

We have received the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Cuba at the sessions held in June, September and December, 1893, and the 36th annual session held at Havana, March 25th, 1894.

Segundo Alvarez, G. M.

These proceedings are embellished with a fine portrait of their Grand Master. His address occupies eight pages, and we regret that our limited acquaintance with the Spanish language prevents us from doing it justice.

Reports were presented by the Grand Officers and District Deputies, and there is also a report on Correspondence by Bro. Francisco de P. Rodriguez, in which Canada for 1892 finds a place.

The Grand Secretary writes us that New York is mistaken in saying that their Grand Lodge was established in 1891. Their highest body was formed in 1859, and since then has carried on an active existence. What happened in 1891 was simply a change of name, the adoption of the title "Grand

Lodge of the Island of Cuba," instead of "Grand Lodge of Colon and Island of Cuba."

Lodges, 39 ; members, 1,350.

Segundo Alvarez, (Havana), G. M.

Jose F. Pellon, (Havana), G. S.

DELAWARE.

88th Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 3, 1894.

Eldad L. Clarke, G. M.

He visited all the lodges and reports the returns to be very gratifying, considering the financial depression.

The Grand Lodges of New Zealand, Tasmania and Oklahoma, were recognized.

The following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That a subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction whose Lodge room has been dedicated and consecrated to Masonic uses, shall not sublet nor allow the use of their rooms or any part of them for purposes or occupancy of any other society."

Bro. L. H. Jackson reports on Correspondence. He thinks that Fraternal Grand Lodges is a better expression than either Sister Grand Lodges or Fellow Grand Lodges. We also agree with his views on public installations :

"We have always opposed 'public installations' on the ground of inconsistency in admitting 'the public' to a lodge duly opened, as we conceive it should be for the *lawful* installation of its officers, but here officers installed as a part of the masonic business of a lodge, without the lodge being 'duly opened,' and yet the proceedings were not invalidated. The presence of the public, in many places, seems to be of more consequence than the lawful transaction of business.

"Bro. Drummond, of Maine, says the trouble with our position is, that 'the immemorial usage of the Craft (save in two jurisdictions) has been in favor of public installations ; and the usage of the Craft conclusively determines what may be rightfully and lawfully done.' In reply to this we have only to say, we do not believe the usage is 'immemorial,' and further, that common usage does not always make a thing 'right and lawful.'"

Lodges, 20 ; members, 1,975 ; increase, 49.

Virginius V. Harrison, (Wilmington), G. M.

Benjamin F. Bartram, (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

84th Communication, Washington, Nov. 14, 1894.

Henry S. Merrill, G. M.

On the subject of mixed funerals, the Grand Master had a conference with the Grand Master of the Odd Fellows, with the result that a circular was issued to the lodges of both organ-

izations, specifying in detail how these joint funerals are to be conducted. Both circulars are published as follows :

GRAND LODGE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September, 15th, 1894.

To the Officers and Members of ———— Lodge, No.—, I. O. O. F. :

“BROTHERS :—In order that proper and uniform action may be taken in burials of brothers who, at the time of death, were also members of the Masonic Order, the following instructions are issued for your information and guidance in case the two Orders join in the funeral services.

“The law of the Masons governing their funeral service is as follows: ‘None but Master Mason shall participate in Masonic funeral services. When other associations or the military attend the funeral of a brother who is being buried Masonically, the lodge performing the service must of necessity have entire control of all arrangements.’

“The last clause of the above, viz.: ‘the lodge performing the service must of necessity have entire control of all the arrangements’, would naturally apply to the arrangements appertaining to the Masonic services.

‘According to the law of Masonry, after the lodge has taken charge of the body of the deceased brother, it (the lodge) must continue in charge until its deposit in the grave or other receptacle, or placed on board of some conveyance, removing it from the lodge’s jurisdiction and to the completion of their services. Therefore, such pall-bearers as handle the body must be Master Masons and wear the appropriate regalia; wearing of such regalia, however, does not preclude the wearing at the same time the regalia of our Order. In case there are none entitled to wear the regalia of the Master Mason in our Order attending the funeral, honorary pall-bearers may be appointed from the Odd Fellows, who will be entitled to wear their appropriate regalia and occupy their appropriate position in the procession.

“The Odd Fellows can hold their services before the Masons take charge of the body or after the close of their services, as may be determined by the presiding officers of the two lodges. In case the Odd Fellows have charge of the body; first they should, after the close of their rites, out of courtesy to our brethren of the Masonic Order, remain and be witnesses of their services. It is expected the same courtesy will be shown our Order by the Masons.

“In all cases of the death of a brother belonging to both Orders the presiding officers of the two lodges of which he is a member should meet and proceed together to the home of the deceased and there make the arrangements, with the consent of the family, for the funeral and the manner of performing their rites.

“In all of these relations of these two great fraternal organizations let it not be said that the Odd Fellows lacked in courtesy to, or a due and graceful brotherly consideration of, all the ancient and established rites and usages of our brethren of the Masonic fraternity, and in this I am assured by the M. W. Grand Master of the Masons of the District of Columbia such will be their courtesy to and consideration for our rites and ceremonies.

"Let the Golden Rule prevail, and 'whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them.'

"The above portions appertaining to Masonic law and rites have been considered by the before-mentioned M. W. Grand Master and he approves them as correct, and I am informed that he will issue instructions similar to these to the Masonic Fraternity.

"Fraternally, in F., L., and T.,

[SEAL.]

"THEODORE MEAD,

"Grand Master."

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS,

"OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

"WASHINGTON, D. D., September 27, 1894.

"BRETHREN: As there appears to be a misapprehension on the part of some of the officers and members of the Lodges of this jurisdiction as to the meaning of that portion of Sec. 25, Art. XX, of the Grand Constitution which relates to what is generally termed 'mixed' funerals, I deem it proper to issue this circular letter, expressing my views upon this subject, for the Guidance of the Craft.

"The following is the portion of the section referred to: 'None but Master Masons shall participate in Masonic funeral services. When other associations or the military attend the funeral of a brother who is being buried Masonically, the lodge performing the service must of necessity have entire control of all arrangements.'

"It will be seen that in the last paragraph provision is made for the presence at a Masonic funeral of other associations or the military of which the deceased may have been a member.

"A Masonic Lodge cannot attend the funeral of a Master Mason except for the express purpose of performing the Masonic burial service, and none but Master Masons can *participate in said service*.

"The lodge should be invited, by proper authority, to perform its service; and it therefore becomes the duty of the Worshipful Master, in the event of the death of a member of his lodge, to visit the family of the deceased, explain the duty of the lodge, consult their wishes in the premises, and comply therewith as far as practicable. As no specific regulations can be formulated to cover this point, much depends upon the good judgment and discretion of the Worshipful Master.

"Should the deceased have been, at the time of his death, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows or kindred organizations, it would be eminently right and proper for the Worshipful Master of the lodge, before the final arrangements are made, to confer with the presiding officers of such bodies and endeavor to have the details of the ceremonies well understood and agreed upon before the time of assembling.

"I would suggest and recommend that the Worshipful Master, if it be practicable, invite the officers of the other associations to accompany him in his visit to the family of the deceased.

"It is my opinion that after the remains of a deceased brother have been Masonically received by the lodge having charge of the services they should continue in its possession until deposited in the grave or vault, as the case may be, and that the Masonic services when commenced should be finished without interruption, concluding with the depositing of the body. In cases where religious or other

services are to be held at a church the remains should not be received, Masonically, by the lodge until their removal therefrom; for when once in possession of the lodge no ceremonies other than the Masonic services can take place until after the conclusion thereof.

'It has been the custom in this jurisdiction, where a deceased Mason had been a member of the Odd Fellows or other like societies, to permit members of such organizations, who were also Master Masons, to act as pall-bearers if clothed with Masonic aprons in addition to the regalia of their Order. In cases where there are none entitled to wear the Masonic apron, I see no objection to the association being represented by honorary pall-bearers.

'The present Grand Master of Odd Fellows of the District of Columbia, after a conference with me, has recently issued a circular letter to the members of that Order upon the subject of funerals, wherein he suggests, in cases where the Masonic fraternity and the Odd Fellows are present at the funeral of a brother, that the members of the latter Order, where their services are held first (that is, at the house or church), remain to witness the Masonic services 'out of courtesy' (as he expresses it) 'to our brethren of the Masonic Order.'

"Brethren, let not the Masons of this jurisdiction be surpassed in fraternal courtesy by that charitable and benevolent Order, but let us show to its members and the world at large that the charity of our great fraternity is not confined to simply relieving the wants of our fellow creatures, but that it is the sweet charity which 'vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, and doth not behave itself unseemly.'

"Fraternally,

"H. S. MERRILL,

[SEAL]

"Grand Master."

A new lodge was authorized to be opened in the town of Tacoma Park, and permission was given for them to temporarily occupy a room in company with the Odd Fellows' lodge.

The Wisconsin proposition as to relief was not concurred in.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and in the course of his remarks on physical disqualifications, he says that a one-eyed mason or stone-cutter can do as good work as one with two eyes who was short-sighted; and also,—

"The writer sympathizes, of course, with the advanced thought, and in doing this he will not allow himself to be misrepresented. We hold that Speculative Freemasonry never demanded the physical perfection that the Operative or Mason Guilds did. No such perfection is demanded anywhere on earth to-day but by American Freemasonry, and only by a portion of these jurisdictions. *Therefore, there is no landmark standing to confront the claims we approve (italics ours)* and these claims are summed up in this: The moral qualities are infinitely of more importance than the physical in applicants, for the mysteries of Freemasonry! As Freemasons we toil not, neither do we spin. Our 'labors' are purely intellectual and good deeds can be as fully performed by the non-perfects as by the perfects.

"Of course the 'perfectionists' will pronounce us as iconoclast. Let us assure such that the real idols that we would break are ignorance and prejudice. It is the writer's earnest desire to lay all the

facts before the brethren; then will there be no excuse to plead ignorance of the customs of the craft. It is a further desire of ours to place the question before the brethren that they will not prejudice it, but will earnestly inquire into all that is affirmed on both sides and conclude when they have exhausted the inquiry, not before."

Canada for 1894 receives due notice.

We also quote Bro. Singleton's remarks on the state of Masonry in Mexico :

"For many years our lamented brother, Gen. Albert Pike, as Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the southern jurisdiction, by his letters to the Supreme Councils of Mexico and Peru, sought to introduce into these countries, where all Masonry was governed by these Councils, the system of Independent Grand Lodges, which alone should control the first three degrees of Masonry; and he succeeded in having both of these Supreme Councils to surrender their right to control those degrees. Grand Lodges were duly organized, and all the lodges came under allegiance to the new organization of Grand Lodges for each state in Mexico and in Peru. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia duly recognized these Grand Lodges, and fraternal official relations were established by the exchange of Grand Representatives with each of them individually.

"The recent change which has been made in Mexico we have only learned through the transactions of other Grand Lodges in the United States. Not a single official communication has reached us from any one of the nine Grand Lodges in Mexico, viz., Federal District of Mexico, Hidalgo, Jacob de Molay, Jalisco, Lower California, Morelas, Oaxaca, Vera Cruz, and Vincente Guerrero as to the new body which now controls Masonry there.

"We have occasionally received publications, printed in Mexico in the Spanish language, containing general Masonic matter, but have no official knowledge as to the present status of Masonry, and we think that we should dissolve the official relations with each of these State Grand Bodies. If official relations are to be continued it should be with the one governing body in Mexico only.

"We await further official information as to the real situation of Masonry in Mexico, and have continued, in our table, the Grand Representatives."

Lodges, 24 ; members, 4,791 ; increase, 86.

David G. Dixon, (Washington), G. M.

William R. Singleton, (Washington), G. S.

FLORIDA.

66th Communication, Jacksonville, January 15, 1895.

William F. Bynum, G. M.

He reports eight new lodges. Among his decisions we find the following novelty. It seems strange that the question should ever have been asked :

"From Plant City Lodge No. 79. Question: Can a man who was born a bastard be initiated into a Lodge?"

"Ruling: If the Brethren are satisfied as to his moral character and social standing, his having been born an illegitimate child, if no other objections, will not preclude his admission."

The following resolution was passed :

"*Resolved*, That it is not competent for any particular lodge in this jurisdiction to hold any Masonic correspondence, or deal in any Masonic way with a person coming from a clandestine or spurious lodge, though he have a dimit from such lodge, because such particular lodge of this jurisdiction would violate its obligation as a lodge of Master Masons, and such a course would violate the fraternal relations existing between the jurisdiction in which such lodge exists and whence he comes to Florida."

The fraternity is in excellent condition. Its growth is surely and steadily advancing, and a high type of truly fraternal spirit prevades all the lodges. There is also a marked improvement in the work and returns.

Lodges, 143 ; members, 4,622 ; increase, 200.

James W. Boyd, (Bartow), G. M.

Albert J. Russell, (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

108th Communication, Macon, Oct. 30, 1894.

John P. Shannon, Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master, Bro. John S. Davidson, died in the preceding March. He had held the chief office for eleven years, and was greatly esteemed.

The acting Grand Master reports eleven new lodges. Masonry is on rising ground in every part of the State.

The following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Officers of this body and five other members of this Grand Lodge, to be appointed by the Grand Master, constitute a committee with authority to contract for the acquisition of the Soldiers' Home property, near Atlanta, with regulations for its conduct, and report their labors to the next Communication of this Grand Lodge for its consideration and subject to its approval, and that the Committee heretofore appointed be discharged."

New Zealand was recognized.

The Committee on Jurisprudence were favorably impressed with the Mississippi proposals as to jurisdiction, but declined their adoption because of the seeming enquiry into the secrecy of the ballot.

The Committee of General Welfare conclude an interesting report with the following recommendations :

"The attention of the committee has been called to the proposed treaty between this Government and Japan, said to be under consideration. Under this treaty Masons who are citizens of the United States, residing in Japan, will be prohibited from assembling them.

selves together, as a secret society, tyled according to ancient landmarks and usages. This is one of the privileges which civilization everywhere confers, and the committee can see no reason for an exception in the case of Japan. Our brothers on that soil should be permitted to peaceably assemble and pursue their great work of fraternizing the world. We fear this action is but an entering wedge, in the case of distant nations, where adverse religions may dominate, and we recommend that a committee of five be appointed, with the Grand Master as Chairman, to prepare a memorial to be presented to the Senate of the United States, through our Senators, protesting against this violation of the usages of civilized nations, and petitioning for such provisions in the proposed treaty as will permit our brothers to continue their assemblies in Japan as they have done in the past thirty-six years, calling the attention of this Government and Japan to the fact that the privileges heretofore granted the Order in the latter country have not been abused, and pledging the good conduct of our brothers for past generations in that country, and the Craft in general from time immemorial, as a guaranty that Japan, civilized and well-governed, will find in Masonry a tower of strength."

The report on Correspondence is by Bros. Moody, Mumford and Ramsay, each taking a certain number of the Proceedings to review. Bro. Moody has a good notice of Canada for 1893.

Lodges, 390 ; members, 16,235 ; decrease, 429.

John P. Shannon, (Elberton), G. M.

Andrew M. Wolilim (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

27th Communication, Boise City. Sept. 11, 1894.

James A. Pinney, G. M.

On the state of the Craft, he says :

"From all the information I have been able to gather I am satisfied that the moral tone of Masonry in Idaho was never better than now. There has been less comparative increase of membership than at some former periods of its history, which of itself is an auspicious omen. Lodges have given more attention to the exclusion of unworthy material. The portals have been more closely guarded, and the moral qualifications of candidates more strictly inquired into. Gambling, intemperance and kindred vices have been warred against, discipline enforced and the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge generally observed and respected. When every Mason in this jurisdiction comes to understand that Masonry means something more than lectures, attendance upon lodge meetings and the payment of lodge dues, that it is something higher, nobler and better than a mere mutual aid association, a brighter future will take the place of the already bright present."

The following resolution regarding Mormonism was ordered to be sent to each lodge in order that they may instruct their representatives how to vote on it next session :

"WHEREAS: In 1883 the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Idaho, adopted a series of resolutions on Mormonism, based on the statement or assumption, at that time that the teachings of Mormonism were opposed to the law of the land, and providing that no person acknowledging allegiance to the so-called Mormon Church, or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, shall be admitted to any of the privileges of Masonry within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Idaho,' and

"WHEREAS: Said Church has satisfactorily demonstrated to the civil authorities of the government, both national and state, that the teachings of the so called Mormon Church, or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, are not opposed to the law of land, but, on the contrary, that the members of such Church are a law-abiding, loyal and moral class of people, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same, therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That said resolution of the Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby repealed and set aside; and members of said Church possessing the requisite qualifications otherwise, be and they are hereby declared eligible for admission as members of the Masonic Order within this jurisdiction, and to all the privileges of Masonry."

Bro. Charles C. Stevenson presented his seventh report on Correspondence Canada for 1893 appears in the list of Proceedings reviewed, but we have looked in vain for it in the report.

Lodges, 27; members, 969; increase, 13.

Adelbert B. Clark, (Mountain Home), G. M.

Jonas W. Brown, (Boise City), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

55th Communication, Chicago, Oct. 2, 1894.

Leroy A. Goddard, G. M.

The distress in financial and industrial affairs has not in any way stayed the progress of Masonry throughout this magnificent jurisdiction. The Grand Master reports a year of unusual interest and activity. He attended five schools of Instruction of three days each, the total number present being 501, representing 76 lodges. Four new lodges were formed.

The following amendment to the By-laws was adopted:

"Electioneering in any way for one's self for office in the Grand Lodge is prohibited as un-Masonic, and any member found guilty of the offense shall be ineligible to office; and, if already in office, shall forfeit the office held by him."

The sum of \$5,000 was voted to the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home.

The Mississippi resolutions were placed on file. The violation of the secrecy of the ballot appears to be a fatal objection to their adoption.

Bro. Joseph Robbins reviews the Proceedings of forty-nine American Grand Lodges, and the Grand Lodges of England and South Australia. We copy his remarks on the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in recognizing the Grand Lodge of Mexico :

"The most startling event of the year is the recognition by the Grand Lodge of New York of the "Grand Dieta Simbolica" of Mexico, in the face of disclosures as to what passes for Masonry in that republic, that, to say the least, are yet far from having been wholly discredited by proof, and which if true ought to insure the repudiation of the body or aggregation of which they found to be true, not only by the Grand Lodge of New York, but by even the most careless and least informed Grand Lodges.

"In our review of New York, we called attention to one of these alleged disclosures only—the admission of women to the lodges owing allegiance to one of the constituents of the Mexican gran dieta, the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico: in which body, also, women were among the officers. We purposely passed over the allegations respecting the exclusion of the Bible, the taking of the obligations upon honor only, and the recognition by the gran dieta of the Grand Orient of France, and confined our remarks to the allegation wherein the bill of particulars was circumstantial and definite. We there referred to "Clio," the master of Lodge No. 27, whom Bro. Chism says (to the grand secretary of Missouri) is in private life Doctor Matilda Montoya, the only female physician ever graduated by a Mexican college. Since our review of New York was written, Bro. R. F. Gould has called our attention to a passage in a letter from Bro. Albert Pike to Ignacio Pombo, sovereign grand commander of the Supreme Council of Mexico, strongly corroborative of Bro. Chism's statement as showing the initiation of women into Masonry, in Mexico, certainly as early as 1889. Bro. Pike's letter, found on p. 110, Vol. X, of the official Bulletin of the Supreme Council, 33d Southern Jurisdiction, was written August 6, 1889. In answer to a question quoted in Spanish, in which his Mexican querist refers to the subject of it as 'a la primera Doctora Medicina,' he says; 'If this means can a lodge of perfection confer its degrees on a woman, who has obtained the blue degrees in a symbolic lodge, then the answer ought to be that a woman cannot lawfully receive the blue degrees anywhere. * * * She cannot be recognized as a Mason in a lodge of perfection.' This points so strongly to the identity of the subject of the question and Doctor or Doctress Montoya as to fully warrant Bro. Gould's remark: 'This plainly refers to Clio,' and points very clearly the bearing and significance of the further fact noted by him, that nearly four years after this exposition of the law by Bro. Pike, viz., in *Official Boletin* of the gran dieta for March and April, 1893, the same doctress (Clio) is approvingly referred to as the W. M. of Lodge No. 27.

'It did not need these facts to justify us in saying that the recognition of the Mexican aggregation by the Grand Lodge of New York was the most startling event of the year. But that they were in print, accessible, and undiscovered by the New York committee, is strongly confirmatory of the internal evidence furnished by their report that no such first-hand inquiry was had as the gravity of the situation demanded.

"The nearly identical language of the reports of the Missouri, Texas, and New York committees, indicate the extent of the investigation made by the latter, while the absence of reference to those portions of Missouri report adverse to the claim of established regularity on the part of the grand dieta, emphasize an apparent disinclination to find anything that would forbid a recommendation for recognition. Whether accidental or designed, the contrast in the attitude of New York towards Grand Lodges whose constituent lodges are known to be composed of lawful Free and Accepted Masons, and the regularity of whose organization is conceded, and so-called Grand Lodges of Scottish Rite parentage, whose constituents of questionable legitimacy rest under the added suspicion of disregarding the conceded landmarks of the institution, is too striking to escape notice. The former are kept knocking for admission for years upon the plea of courtesy towards parent bodies: while the latter, with less scrutiny than would be given to a visitor to a lodge, are admitted with little delay. It is inevitable, under such circumstances, that the composition of the committee should attract attention; and in view of the wide spread feeling that an active propaganda exists which loses no opportunity to further the pretension of some of the imperialists that Scottish Rite 'Masonry' has, under certain conditions, the same right to establish symbolic lodges as the Masonry from whose original plan it is a dissenter, and that the lodges so established can form Grand Lodges recognizable as governing bodies of Free and Accepted Masonry. It is an unfortunate coincidence that the chairman of the New York committee, and presumably the author of its whitewashing report, is the grand secretary general of the Holy Empire."

Canada for 1893 receives a goodly share of his attention. Among other complimentary remarks we notice the following:

"The address of the Grand Master (the Hon. J. M. GIBSON, Q. C.) gives abundant evidence of the possession as well as the appreciation of the qualities which realize the ideal occupant of the grand east, and a keen insight into the causes of prosperity or its opposite in the lodges." * * *

"The report on correspondence (67 pp.) is again the work of Past Grand Master HENRY ROBERTSON, and everywhere reflects his trained thought, clear insight, fine sense of proportion, his strong and discriminating common sense. The number of pages gives no idea of the amount of matter presented except to one who sees for himself what exceedingly fine type is presumed to be plain to the keen eyed Craftsmen of Ontario."

Lodges, 715; members, 49,236; increase, 1,266.

Leroy A. Goddard, (Chicago), G. M.

J. H. C. Dill, (Bloomington), G. S.

INDIANA.

73rd Communication, Indianapolis, May 22, 1894.

Daniel Noyes, G. M.

Prosperity prevails. Three new lodges were formed.

A proposition to reduce the minimum initiation fee to \$15 was rejected.

A decision of the Grand Master, that an applicant for initiation must be a citizen of the United States, or at least, have declared his intention to become such, was reversed.

On the Mississippi resolutions the following excellent report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted :

“ Even to the advocate of ‘ perpetual jurisdiction ’ that most objectionable doctrine, is made still more obnoxious by the modification proposed, whereby the wrongful claim is lost to its asserters unless the rejecting lodge shall, within six months after its so-called right is encroached upon, furnish an alien lodge, in a foreign grand jurisdiction ‘ the grounds upon which its rejection was made,’ when the sufficiency of such grounds may be immediately determined by such alien lodge, which ‘ shall then proceed in its discretion.’ The fallacy (aye, danger!) of this is manifest in the fact that the lodge originally petitioned, and which rejected the candidate, must either suffer the loss of its pretended rights by a dignified default, or it must become an accuser against its rejected material without even the process of a hearing for itself, such as the humblest citizen has in the courts of law, and which every Mason has at the bar of the lodge. The accusation must be made (and such a procedure against one who has received nothing whatever from Masonry is undignified and unmasonic), but the lodge in which it is filed may at once take adverse action at its own unquestioned will.

“ What may then become of that ‘ peace and harmony ’ which should characterize the proceedings of grand and subordinate lodges with each other as well as the actions of brethren toward each other in their own lodges? The fact that a Grand Lodge could, in its sovereign power, make a law like that desired by that of Mississippi and thus cede away from itself the right to legislate for itself and its subordinates within its exclusive territorial jurisdiction, can by no means be urged in justification of such a law, because no sovereign power should ever legislate unjustly to itself or its subjects simply because it can.

“ But the broad doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected petitioners is erroneous, because it assumes to deprive a grand body of the power to legislate for itself and prescribe the qualifications of applicants for its benefits and privileges who may have been rejected at some time, possibly years before, in another sovereignty, by the ballot or probably by one person—thus holding this one man power over them for life, and also taking away from them in effect the opportunity and means that pure religion concedes to all mankind of repentance and amendment, if, perchance, the rejection they suffered was founded upon justice at the time instead of being the result of individual malice, as unfortunately is not unfrequently the case.

“ The objections, therefore, to this doctrine are well founded upon two broad fundamental principles, one of law, and the other religion.

“ 1. That a Grand Lodge should never surrender the sovereign power to legislate for itself upon its own affairs, in its own exclusive territorial jurisdiction.

“ That, as Masonry is so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under obligations to pay rational homage to Deity, and as we hope ourselves to gain forgiveness for our own transgressions, we should not permit alien legislation to deprive us of the power to recognize the repentance of our fellow man.

"In conclusion of this branch of our report your committee will say that objection to the dogma of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material is probably universal with the Craft throughout the state, and they rest confident in the belief, in advance of action herein, that they are not unduly anticipating the position that will be taken by the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

"While the Grand Lodge of Indiana declines to claim for itself and its subordinates any ownership in material absolutely rejected here, after such may have become available to the lodges of another grand jurisdiction, it must with still greater force refuse to recognize the right of any lodge under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge to acquire ownership, for advancement and final membership, of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, made such in lodges of our Register, by the simple expression of a willingness on the part of a foreign lodge to 'take them in;' and consequently we can never consent to the enactment of a law for such an unexampled appropriation of what is, in the case of Masons of these grades, legitimate property of the lodges which made them. In the first case, the lodge rejecting a petitioner says: 'We do not want you and will not receive you.' In the latter case, it has accepted and received him, given him the degree he petitioned for, and placed him, in that capacity, upon its records. If at any subsequent period it may become desirable to secure the services of another lodge as a proxy to confer upon him the remaining degree or degrees, in case of his change of residence, the mode of procedure to that end is well established and understood, and can be pursued without the aid of the peculiar innovation proposed by this rule. The absolute sufficiency of the existing usage of having some lodge, other than the one conferring the first and second degrees, complete the work begun upon a brother by his home lodge, is conceded in the proviso of this rule—that nothing therein contained shall prevent such a course from being pursued at any time.

"The conclusions here expressed have been arrived at by your committee with the greatest fraternal regard and respect for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and with a high appreciation of the profound Masonic ability of the author of the rules in question, Past Grand Master Frederick Speed. It is but just to add that there is no purpose on the part of our sister Grand Lodge to hold any other Grand Lodge to the terms of these rules, unless such other Grand Body shall likewise enact them. The proposition is rather in the nature of a treaty, which your committee respectfully recommend the Grand Lodge of Indiana not to become a party to."

Bro. William Commons reviews forty-six Grand Lodges, not including Canada. On the origin of Masonry, he says:

"Our own belief, though perhaps not well defined, is that the seed idea of Masonry antedates any organized government or system. That this seed idea originated in the aspirations of the human soul for a great first cause, and that the 'tap-root' of Masonry was planted in the belief in a Supreme Being greater than any or all of the gods, as popularly declared in the world. This idea grew to a fixed belief in an 'Unseen God, the great first cause of unerring and immutable laws.' But to declare this belief was held by the heathen to be blasphemy; hence it was held in secret, and the name of this Supreme Deity was the pass whereby the brethren could make them-

selves known to each other. It was for this belief that Socrates was condemned ; and it was this belief that caused the Greeks to inscribe upon their one temple, ' To the Unknown God.' And this belief, long held in secret, surviving the changes and evolutions of the world, the setting up and overthrow of governments, has come down to our time, and is yet, and always will be, the fundamental principle of Masonry."

Lodges, 476 ; members, 26,897 ; increase, 631.

Frank E. Gavin, (Greensburg), G. M.

William H. Smythe, (Indianapolis), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

20th Communication, Rush Springs, August 14, 1894.

Andrew Hardy, G. M.

In the able address of the Grand Master, we find the following beautiful paragraph :

" Our holy and ancient Order is growing in the Indian Territory as it has never grown before. The strong arm of brotherly love and fraternal feeling is reaching out in every part of the Territory, grasping alike the hand of the pale face and the red man. As we cross over to the hills of our eastern border we behold the humble home of the brother Mason nestling behind the rock-crowned cliffs, or over to the prairies of our western border, we again find the homes of our brethren, dotted here and there amid the beautiful villages, towns and cities of a populous and prosperous people.

" Masonry and religion come hand in hand past our homes, our farms and places of business, making our homes brighter and more cheerful, brightening our lives, uniting us in love, leading us on to a brighter and better world.

" The Star of the East shines more brightly upon us to-day than ever before. It serves as a beacon light to our pathway through life, guiding us Eastward to the goal of our heavenly reward.

" Brethren, there is something grander in Masonry than at the first glance appears. Then let us ever live and let our light so shine that it will make the world brighter by our having lived in it, and our holy and ancient Order will ever rise higher in the estimation of the people, and the world will bless us for having made their lives brighter and better by our associations with them in this life."

No less than eleven new lodges were organized during the year.

They have a novelty in the jurisdiction in the shape of a Committee on Education. Their report was adopted as follows :

" Your Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows :

" That we find only seven lodges have partially complied with the requirements of Section 18 of Masonic Regulations, reporting the names of twenty-six orphans of deceased Masons in their midst, but neither lodge states whether said orphans are needy or have received aid.

"We earnestly recommend that lodges see that said regulation is fully complied with.

"We also find in our Treasury the amount of \$241.40 placed to the credit of the Orphans' Home Fund.

"We fully endorse the action of this Grand Lodge relating to placing the seventy five per cent. of all lodge funds, less expenses, to the credit of the Orphans' Home in the Indian Territory.

"And we further recommend that our Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary act as a committee to prospect for a location and suggest plans for the erection of a Masonic Orphans' Home, and that said plans shall be laid before this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication for its consideration."

A committee of three was appointed in each District to confer with the Councils or leading men of the respective Indian tribes, with a view to a location for their proposed Masonic Orphans' Home.

The Grand Secretary reviews in an able manner the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, including Canada for 1893.

Lodges, 57 ; members, 2,193 ; increase, 232.

John Coyle, (Rush Springs), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow, (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

51st Communication, Cedar Rapids, June 5, 1894.

Liberty F. Fellows, G. M.

His excellent address contains the following paragraphs on the state of the lodges in Iowa, with some very good advice to Masters and members :

"The condition of the chartered lodges, so far as learned by correspondence, visitation, and meeting many brethren on festival and other occasions, indicates a good degree of prosperity and growth. No lodge charters have been arrested or surrendered, and no occasion has arisen for discipline, or even criticism, of any lodge for unmasonic conduct. Occasionally a lodge is suffering from the evil association of one whose devotion to and love of Masonry is only indicated by the chronic and indiscriminate use of the black-ball, but these instances are rare. Just enough such brethren exist to show that the species is not extinct. Their happiness seems to depend upon the gratification of personal spite, and possibly the fond belief that when their earthly pilgrimage shall have ended the grief of their mourning brethren will be greatly tempered by the thought that the great gain to the deceased occasions no corresponding loss to the happiness and Masonic prosperity of the surviving brethren of his lodge. As a rule no serious difficulties are troubling the brethren.

"The condition and effectiveness of the work of our lodges can, however, be greatly improved. The time of our stated meetings is too fully occupied by the transaction of merely routine business. Opening and closing in the briefest manner and the hurried disposition of the usual business, affords too little interest to render the

meetings attractive, and as a consequence attendance becomes more of a duty than a pleasure to the members.

"Some time should ordinarily be devoted to lectures and instruction in the ritualistic work, in which all present should have the opportunity to take part. The Master should appreciate the high honor conferred on him, and take the necessary time to thoroughly prepare himself to impart instruction, and should give his lodge the full benefit of his own information. Time should be devoted to the consideration and discussion of our constitution and laws rules of order, proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and Masonic subjects generally. In this way greater interest would be aroused, resulting in a largely increased attendance, the members would become better informed and brighter Masons, more earnestly enlisted in the work, and each lodge would become a power for good in the community where located.

"The world judges Masonry by the character, zeal, and interest manifested in its behalf by its votaries, and by what it accomplishes for good in the world. The earnest, well-informed Mason who in his daily life exemplifies the principles of his profession is continually creating a favorable impression of the institution in the minds of those whom we would gladly welcome into our ranks."

"From the foregoing reports there are eleven Master Masons who it is reported would go to a Masonic Home if established. Their average age is over sixty-eight years. In the year 1893, three of them received no support from the lodges; the others received from the lodges the sum of \$554 in the aggregate, making an average of \$69.25 each. In addition to this, the Grand Lodge, in June, 1893, appropriated \$300 for the relief of one of them and \$200 for the relief of another. Of the eleven Masons one of them is being supported by his married daughters, who are financially able to support him; one has gone to Oregon to live with a daughter, and one is sick with small chance of recovery, and has received no support from the lodge, being supported from his own means. Of the remaining eight, four of the lodges report that they are unable to continue contributing to the support of these brethren to the same extent as in 1893. Two lodges report that they are able to continue furnishing such support. One lodge does not state whether it is able or not, and the other one has furnished no support for the brother, he having so far supported himself.

"There are six other Master Masons, members of lodges in this state, who 'perhaps would' or 'might possibly' go to a Masonic Home if established. Their lodges paid for their support in 1893 in the aggregate the sum of \$113, an average of \$18.83 $\frac{1}{3}$.

"One lodge paid \$20 in 1893, and reports that it is not able to continue to contribute to the same extent. The others report that they are able to continue to contribute to the same extent.

"There are two widows of Masons and five orphans who it is reported would go to a Masonic Home. Their lodge, Chariton Lodge, No. 63, paid \$350 in 1893 for them and two other children and one Mason, and is not able to continue to contribute to the same extent.

"There are two other widows and four other orphans who it is reported 'would perhaps' or 'might possibly' go to a Masonic Home. Their lodges paid for their support in 1893 the sum of \$146 in the aggregate, an average of \$24.33 each; and each of said lodges reports that it is financially able to continue contributing to the same extent.

"While the resolutions did not require your committee to report as

to the number of Masonic Homes in the United States and what steps had been taken by Grand Lodges to establish homes where there are none, we believed that such information would be desirable, and for this reason sent the letter of inquiry to the different Grand Secretaries, as above set forth. From the information gathered through correspondence with the Grand Secretaries and others, and such other information as was accessible to us, we are able to report on this subject as follows :

'*Alabama*—Has no Masonic Home. The subject was discussed in 1892 and a committee appointed, but the committee has not reported, and no further action has been taken.

'*Arizona*—Has no home. Has a widow's and orphan's fund, with \$3,000 in the treasury.

'*Arkansas*—Has no home. Hopes are entertained that as soon as the debt on the temple is paid a home may be established, to be supported from the revenues of the temple.

'*California*—Has taken action for the establishment of a Masonic Orphan's Home, and has a fund collected of \$60,000.

'*Colorado*—Has no home. The women have started an organization, but have not progressed far enough to report any action.

'*Connecticut*—Has no home. Has what is called the 'Masonic Charity Foundation,' an organization incorporated under the laws of the state in 1889. Its object is to aid or support aged, indigent, sick, or infirm Freemasons and their widows, and to provide for, maintain, and educate their children and orphans. It is also authorized to establish and maintain a home or asylum for such persons.

"Its funds are raised from voluntary contributions, and it now has a fund of over \$15,000 contributed by the Grand Lodge, subordinate lodges, and from individuals for life and annual memberships.

'*Delaware*—Has no home, and no steps have been taken towards establishing one.

'*District of Columbia*—Has no home, and no steps have been taken towards establishing one.

'*Florida*—Has no home, and has taken no steps towards establishing one.

'*Georgia*—Has no home.

'*Illinois*—Has the 'Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home' incorporated March 11th, 1885, located at No. 447 Carroll avenue, Chicago. It is a private institution, in no way under the control or direction of the Grand Lodge. It is supported by life and annual memberships, and voluntary donations. The Grand Lodge has only contributed \$500 towards its support.

'*Indiana*—Has no home, and no steps taken to establish one.

'*Kansas*—No information received, but as we understand it has no home.

'*Kentucky*—Has the 'Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home,' located at Louisville. Each Mason in the state is assessed \$1 annually for its support, and it receives voluntary contributions from individuals and lodges for life memberships.

'*Louisiana*—Has no home. A board of trustees for a prospective Masonic Home was appointed in 1893, but no report was made to the session of 1894.

'*Maine*—Has no home. Distributes about \$1,500 annually, the interest of the Grand Lodge charity fund, to about eighty applicants.

'*Maryland*—Has no home, but has recently started a fund for the

purpose, and appointed a board of five trustees. Fund as yet is small, and in no definite shape.

"*Massachusetts*—The committee has received no information.

"*Michigan*—Has a Masonic Home, located at Grand Rapids. Not under control of Grand Lodge, although it makes some contributions each year towards its support.

"*Minnesota*—Has no home. The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution in 1893, that a Masonic home was not necessary. The Grand Lodge pays out about \$1,400 a year in charity.

"*Mississippi*—Has no home, but the Grand Lodge is creating a fund for the establishment of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. Each Mason in the state pays 20 cents annually, and collections are taken on St. John's day, and there are other contributions. The fund now amounts to \$10,000.

"*Missouri*—Has a Masonic Home, located in St. Louis. It supported by the Grand Lodge by a per capita tax of 50 cents on all Masons in the state who pays dues, and has an endowment fund of \$45,000, called Knights Templar Triennial Endowment Fund.

"*Montana*—Has no home. Has a grand charity fund, to which 10 per cent of Grand Lodge dues is appropriated.

"*Nebraska*—Has no Masonic Home. Has a corporation for the purpose of establishing a home, but there is no present prospect of erecting any buildings. They are waiting for the Craft to determine whether a home is needed or not.

"*Nevada*—Has no home.

"*New Mexico*—Has no home.

"*New Hampshire*—The committee has no information.

"*New Jersey*—Has no Masonic Home, but has a Grand Lodge Charity Fund, which was adopted as a substitute for a movement to build a Masonic Home.

"*New York*—Has a Masonic Home, located at Utica. Erected by the Grand Lodge, and supported by rentals of the property owned by the Craft and an initiation fee of \$3.00 for each new member.

"The German brethren have also a home, located at Tappan, Rockland County, N. Y., which is supported from the rentals of the German Masonic Temple.

"*North Carolina*—Has an Orphans' Asylum. The Grand Lodge contributes \$2000 annually, and the state also contributes annually to its support.

"*North Dakota*—Has no home, and none in contemplation.

"*Ohio*—Has a Masonic Home in course of erection. It has just been put under roof and will be ready for occupancy in about one year. It is located at Springfield, Ohio.

"*Oregon*—Has no home, and nothing has been done towards establishing one.

"*Pennsylvania*—Has a Masonic Home, located at Philadelphia. It is incorporated under the State law, and is not under the control of nor supported by the Grand Lodge. It is supported by the annual dues of members of the corporation, contributions and donations. All the Grand Bodies make annual appropriations towards its support.

"*Rhode Island*—Has no home, and no steps have been taken towards establishing one.

"*South Carolina*—Has no home, and has taken no steps to establish one.

"*South Dakota*—Has no home, but has a Grand Charity Fund.

"*Tennessee*—Has a Widows' and Orphans' Home, erected from

funds raised by subscriptions and life memberships. We have no information as to how it is supported, nor as to its cost or capacity.

"*Texas*—Has no home. Has about \$50,000 at interest for the purpose of building a Masonic Home.

"*Utah*—Has no home, and has done nothing towards establishing one.

"*Vermont*—Has no home, and has taken no action in the matter.

"*Virginia*—Has a Masonic Home. It is supported by contributions of lodges and life memberships. It will accomodate fifteen persons.

"*Washington*—Has no home. Resolutions have been adopted and a committee appointed, but nothing done towards establishing a home.

"*West Virginia*—Has no home and has taken no steps to establish one.

"*Wisconsin*—Has no home. The subject has been under consideration by the Grand Lodge at different times for ten years, but no action has been taken towards establishing a home.

"From the foregoing it will be seen that Masonic Homes of various kinds have been erected in the following States to wit.: Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia.

"The Illinois home was originally a private residence and cost \$66,000. The house and grounds cost the Masonic Home Association \$20,000; it will accomodate sixty persons by crowding. For the year ending January 31st, 1893, the average number of inmates in the home for the year was 38.50; the total expenditures during the year were \$7,226.20; interest on investment, at 6 per cent., \$1,200, making a grand total of \$8,426.20; average cost for each inmate, not including interest on investment, \$187.69; average cost for each inmate, including interest on investment, \$218.86.

"The Kentucky home is a home for widows and orphans. It was opened in May, 1871, and since that time there have been received fifty-five widows and seven hundred and twenty-one children. It is principally a home for children, and they are educated as well as otherwise cared for while there.

"Cost of buildings and improvements to August 31st, 1893, is \$183,852; capacity, four hundred inmates; average number of inmates during the year, two hundred and thirty-two; total expenditure for year, \$27,021.88; interest on investment, 6 per cent., \$11,031.12, making a grand total of \$38,053; average cost for each inmate, not including interest on investment, \$116.47; average cost for each inmate, including interest on investment \$164.

"The Michigan home has 33 acres of ground; cost of buildings and improvements, \$86,000; capacity, seventy-five to one hundred inmates; number of inmates now, twenty-seven; maintenance account of 1893, \$4,900; interest on investment, 6 per cent., \$5,160, making a grand total of \$10,060; average number of inmates for year not given, but we estimate it at twenty seven, the number there is now; average cost for each inmate, not including interest on investment, \$181.48; average cost for each inmate, including interest on investment, \$372.59.

"The Missouri Masonic Home consists of an old mansion and 15 acres of ground and has a capacity for about one hundred inmates; cost of building and grounds, \$40,000; number of inmates, July 31st, 1893, was boys, twenty-two; girls, thirty; women, fifteen; men, five;

total, seventy-two; total expenditures during the year, not including building and repairs, \$9,331.67; interest on investment, 6 per cent., \$2,400, making a grand total of \$11,731.67; average number of inmates not given, but we estimate it at seventy-two, the number there July 31st, 1893; average cost for each inmate, not including interest, \$129.60; average cost for each inmate, including interest, \$162.92.

"The New York Home was dedicated October 5th, 1892; has one hundred and seventy acres of land; cost of structure complete, including land, building, furniture, fixtures, horses, agricultural implements, and all improvements, and property connected with the home, was \$306,912.90; the present building will accommodate one hundred and fifty persons; on March 1st, 1894, there were seventy-nine inmates in the home; the average cost of maintaining the home for the month of February, 1893, for each inmate, was \$25.42, which would make the cost for a year for seventy-nine inmates, not including interest in the investment, \$24,098.16; interest on the investment for a year at 6 per cent, \$18,414.72; estimating the average number of inmates at seventy-nine, the number in the home March 1st, 1894, the average cost per year for each inmate, not including interest on the investment is \$305.04; average cost, including interest, \$538.03.

"The German Masons' Home, at Tappan, New York, is valued at \$25,000; the cost of maintenance for the year 1892 was \$4,648.96; interest on investment at 6 per cent, \$1,500; the number of inmates at the close of that year, fifteen; we are not informed what the average number of inmates for the year 1892 was, but estimating it at fifteen, the number at the close of the year, the average cost for the year for each inmate was \$309.92; average cost for each inmate, including interest, \$409.93.

"The Pennsylvania home has been in operation for nine years; the real estate and improvements cost \$39,531.63; the personal property is valued at \$3,696, making a grand total of \$43,227.63; the number of inmates December 1st, 1892, was thirty, and the number December 1st, 1893, was twenty-nine; expenditures for all purposes (not including investments) for the year were \$8,281.49; interest on investment at 6 per cent, \$2,593.66, making a grand total of \$10,885.15; estimating the average number of inmates during the year at thirty, the average cost for the year for each inmate, not including interest on the investment, \$276.04; average cost for each inmate, including interest on investment, \$362.83.

"The Ohio home is not yet open for inmates, and the committee have no information upon which to base estimates of cost of buildings and cost of support in the homes in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

"We find the cost of buildings, number of inmates, and average cost of support in the seven homes given above as follows;

COST OF BUILDINGS, LANDS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Illinois	\$ 11,000 00
Kentucky	183,852 00
Michigan	86,000 00
Missouri	40,000 00
New York	306,912 90
German Home, New York.....	25,000 00
Pennsylvania.....	43,227 63

Total cost.....\$750,991 53

Average cost 107,284 50

NUMBER OF INMATES.

Illinois.....	38.50
Kentucky	232
Michigan	27
Missouri	72
New York.....	79
German Home, New York.....	15
Pennsylvania	30

Total number of inmates..... 493.50

Average number of inmates..... 70.50

ANNUAL COST OF MAINTENANCE.

	Expenditures.	Interest.
Illinois.....	\$ 7,226 20	\$ 1,200 00
Kentucky.....	27,021 28	11,031 12
Michigan.. . . .	4,900 00	5,160 00
Missouri	9,331 67	2,400 00
New York.....	24,098 16	18,414 12
German Home, New York.....	4,648 96	1,500 00
Pennsylvania.....	8,281 49	2,593 66
Totals.....	\$85,507 76	\$42,298 90
Total expenditures and interest	\$127,806 66	
Average cost of maintenance, not including interest.	12,215 39	
Average cost of maintenance, including interest . . .	18,258 09	

COST OF MAINTENANCE FOR EACH INMATE PER YEAR.

	Expenditures.	Interest.
Illinois	\$ 187 69	\$ 31 17
Kentucky	116 47	47 53
Michigan	181 48	191 11
Missouri	129 60	33 32
New York.....	305 04	232 99
German Home, New York.....	309 93	100 00
Pennsylvania.....	276 04	86 97
Totals	\$1,706 25	\$722 91
Average cost, not including interest.....	215 17	
Average cost, including interest.....	318 45	

Four new lodges were formed and four other applications refused.

Their celebrated library continues to gladden their hearts with pride at its extent and usefulness. Large additions are made to it every year, and an additional building is found to be requisite to properly display its many and varied treasures.

A most valuable report was presented by the special committee on Masonic Homes. The extent and importance of the information obtained by this committee will justify the following rather lengthy extract. After detailing the preliminaries and the replies from lodges, the report proceeds :

"The committee was required to ascertain, as fully as practicable, the probable cost of establishing a Masonic Home, and the annual cost of maintaining the same, and also the average cost of each inmate. It is impossible for us to estimate the probable cost of establishing such a home, with any degree of accuracy, without knowing something of the dimensions of the home and the number of inmates expected to be accommodated. As will be seen from the foregoing figures, there is a wide difference in the cost of constructing such homes, depending, largely no doubt, upon the manner of construction and the method of finish, as well as the size of the buildings.

"The Michigan home and grounds cost \$86,000 and has a capacity for seventy-five to one hundred inmates. We are of the opinion that a substantial home could be erected for less money, and give it as our judgment that a building with sufficient capacity to accommodate one hundred inmates, properly furnished and equipped, and the necessary grounds, could be procured for the sum of \$75,000, and that such a home with a sufficient capacity to accommodate fifty inmates, would probably be procured for from \$40,000 to \$50,000, and that a home with a capacity for from fifteen to twenty-five inmates would, if erected and furnished in modern style, probably cost \$25,000.

"In our judgment the experience of the seven homes above enumerated is the best criterion upon which to base an estimate of what the average cost of maintaining such a home would be, and the average cost for each inmate. The experience shows that the average cost of maintaining each inmate per year in the said seven homes, not including interest on the money invested, is \$215.17, and including interest on the money invested, \$318.45. The average number of inmates in the said seven homes during the year for which the estimate is made, was \$70.50. With that number in a home, it is our judgment that the average cost of maintenance for each person would be about as above stated. With a less number the average cost would probably be increased, and with a greater number the average cost would probably be decreased. The average cost of maintaining a home would depend entirely upon the number of inmates, and without knowing the number it is impossible to estimate it with any degree of accuracy.

"There are at present 24,664 Masons holding membership in Iowa. If the Grand Lodge should undertake to erect and support a home at the expense of the membership in the state, the cost per member, as nearly as we can estimate, would be as follows:

"A home costing \$25,000, and supporting twenty-five inmates, would require an assessment of \$1 on each member for its erection, and an annual tax of 25 cents on each member for its support. A home costing \$50,000, and supporting fifty inmates, would require an assessment of \$2 on each member for its erection, and an annual tax on each member of 50 cents for its support. A home costing \$75,000 for its erection, and supporting one hundred inmates, would require an assessment of \$3 on each member for its erection and an annual tax of 75 cents to \$1 on each member for its support.

"From the facts above set forth your committee is unanimous in the opinion that this Grand Lodge ought not to undertake the erection of a Masonic Home. But we do not wish to be understood as in any way opposed to Masonic charity. Charity is the foundation stone upon which Masonry rests. It is the one virtue above all others which for ages past has kept the fire lighted on the altar of

Masonry, and to-day unites the membership of the Order in all nations into one common brotherhood. To relieve the distress of a needy brother, his widow and orphans, is a virtue taught to every one who enters our mystic brotherhood, from the time he first kneels at the altar until the final summons from the Grand Master of the universe transfers him from the field of his labors in the lodge below to a life of eternal rest in the Grand Lodge above. Charity is not only a virtue of Masonry as an Order, but it is, or should be, an individual virtue of every Mason. It is that virtue which prompts every faithful Mason to minister to the wants of every needy brother, and relieve his distress, so far as lies in his power. But while it is the duty of every Mason to exercise charity towards the brethren, the most efficient method of dispensing Masonic charity is, in our judgment, through the medium of the subordinate lodge. The subordinate lodge in which a brother holds his membership is in the truest sense of the word his 'Masonic Home.' Within its sacred precincts the worthy brother in distress may at all time pour his sorrows into willing and appreciative ears, with the assurance that his wants will be fraternally considered and meet with such response as his necessities may require. He is a brother among brethren. The lodge, through its officers, or its committee on charity, can inquire personally into the merits of the needy brother, his widow and orphans, and take such steps as may be necessary and proper to relieve their distress.

"There may have been many subordinate lodges that during the past year have not been called upon by their members for relief, but when such calls have been made they have been met in the true Masonic spirit. Of the four hundred and fifty lodges answering the inquiries sent them by the committee, ninety-nine lodges contributed to the relief of needy brothers, their widows and orphans, in sums varying from \$2 to \$400 each, the aggregate amount of such subscriptions for the year being \$4,934.75. The average for each lodge contributing was \$49.84.

"Three hundred and one of the four hundred and fifty lodges, from their reports, did not contribute anything for the purposes called for in the questions. It will be seen from the questions that they do not call for a report of amounts paid for the relief of transients, or for the mere temporary wants of needy brothers. There have no doubt been considerable amounts paid by many of the lodges for these objects, but we did not deem it necessary for our purpose to inquire for the amount of such contributions.

"From this showing it will be seen that the subordinate lodges are nobly responding to the calls made upon them.

"In the opinion of your committee the wants of our needy brothers, their widows and orphans, can be better relieved by their home lodges, and with much less expense than in a Masonic Home. In many cases a small amount of money added to what the relatives or friends of a distressed brother would do for him would be sufficient to relieve his wants at his own home, while if sent to a public home his whole support must necessarily be furnished him. We believe, further, that it would be much more satisfactory to a sick or needy brother to remain among his friends and receive such support as might be necessary than to go to a public home, where of necessity all the ties of relation and friendship formed by years of residence must be severed, and he be compelled to live upon charity received at the hands of strangers.

"As to the orphans of our deceased brethren who need help at our hands, we feel confident that as a general rule homes in private families in the vicinity of their residence can be found for them by members of the subordinate lodges, and that such homes will be much better, both for their moral and material welfare, than a public home, and that in after years when they have grown to manhood and womanhood they will bless their benefactors for not sending them in their tender years to an orphan's home.

"But while we are unalterably of the opinion that the proper methods for dispensing Masonic charity is through the subordinate lodges, we recognize the fact that they cannot in all cases meet the demands for relief made upon them. There are cases, as shown by this report, where the subordinate lodges are unable to continue to furnish all the relief needed by distressed brothers, their widows and orphans. For the purpose of supplementing the work of the subordinate lodges and assisting them in furnishing relief to the distressed in cases where such assistance may be needed, we are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge should have a substantial charity fund. The amount paid by the Grand Lodge for charity in the past is, in our judgment, much less than it should be, and we recommend that there be appropriated for charity 10 per cent. of the income of the Grand Lodge, to be added annually to the Grand Charity Fund, this fund to be used in assisting those lodges which are unable to render all the aid the necessities of their members and those depending on them may require, and for such other charitable relief as the Grand Lodge may deem proper.

"In order that equal justice may be maintained as far as practicable between the individual lodges contributing to this charity fund, the assistance of the Grand Lodge to an individual lodge ought in no case to be given until a full statement has been made by the Master and Secretary of the lodge applying for such assistance showing fully the needs of the persons for whom aid is asked, the resources and condition of the lodge through whom such aid is sought, and what has been done by such individual lodge in the case.

"We are of the opinion that this work can be better done by a permanent board of trustees of the Grand Lodge, whose membership is not liable to be entirely changed each year, than by a committee, as now provided for by the code. Under the present provisions one member of the committee, the Grand Treasurer, *must* be changed each year; the others may be. We recommend that the Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge consist of a Board of Charity Trustees, of three members, to be appointed by the Grand Master.

"That in the selection of the first board one member shall be selected for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and that thereafter one member of such board be selected each year, whose term of office shall continue for three years; that such board shall have full and complete jurisdiction over all cases of Masonic charity, and that no appropriation can be made by the Grand Lodge, out of the charity fund until such appropriation shall have received the sanction of the said Board of Charity Trustees. That such board shall not have the right, except in cases of emergency, and then only to a limited extent, to grant aid or draw upon the charity fund, but that all applications for such aid be reported by such board to the Grand Lodge with its recommendations. And further, except in cases of emergency, the board shall not report any case to the Grand Lodge unless application therefor shall have been made to such board

at least ten days before the session of the Grand Lodge. That no member of the board shall receive compensation for services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred while in the discharge of their duties and in attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

"To the end, therefore, that the several subjects referred to this committee may be brought before the Grand Lodge in some definite form for action, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the best and most satisfactory method of dispensing Masonic charity is through the medium of the subordinate lodges, with such assistance as may be needed from the Grand Charity Fund; and that it is inexpedient and unwise for the Grand Lodge to establish a Masonic Home."

Bro. J. C. W. Coxe presents a first-class report on Correspondence. Canada for 1893 receives a good notice.

Lodges, 460; members, 24,942; increase, 938.

Liberty E. Fellows, (Lansing), G. M.

T. S. Parvin, (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

KANSAS.

39th Communication, Topeka, Feb. 20, 1895.

George W. Clark, G. M.

The Grand Master visited eighteen lodges and issued dispensations for seven new lodges.

The per capita tax was reduced from \$1.50 to fifty cents.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication in appropriating and ordering paid to the Kansas Masonic Home the sum of money then in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, raised by the special assessment of one dollar for each member borne on the roll of the lodges, and which sum aggregated \$13,326.15 be rescinded, and that said sum, together with the sum of \$2,294 collected by the Grand Secretary on said assessment, and now in the special fund so-called, be transferred to the Charity Fund of Grand Lodge."

By the adoption of this resolution it would appear that further action as to the establishment of a Kansas Masonic Home will remain in abeyance.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was recognized, but the application of the Grand Diet of Mexico is to be further considered.

The Mississippi resolutions were considered but not adopted.

Bro. M. M. Miller has a good report on Correspondence. Canada for 1894 receives special mention.

Lodges, 353; members, 18,958; decrease, 171.

James H. McCall, (Wichita), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson, (Topeka), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

95th Communication, Louisville, Oct. 16, 1894.

James W. Staton, G. M.

The year has been a prosperous one. Notwithstanding the financial depression, many of the lodges have advanced their membership to a liberal degree and have done excellent work.

Kentucky has no printed or written ritual, either in full or in cypher.

The Grand Master refused several applications for maimed candidates, and on this subject he says :

"I am not an advocate of the 'perfect-youth' doctrine. I believe in the internal and not the external qualifications of a man to fit him for Masonry, but, at the same time, I am not an advocate for committing our mysteriesto those whocan not teach or be taught our means of recognition."

We also copy some of his decisions, which appear interesting and in the main correct :

"Although a candidate for the degrees of Masonry may not have become a naturalized citizen of the United States, yet, if he claims Kentucky as his home, he is eligible to be a Mason in our lodges.

"An attorney for an accused brother is not required to be an affiliate. He must be a Master Mason in good standing, though.

"Decided that nominations for office is not inconsistent with the principles and practices of Masonry.

"Decided that elections by the deposit of one ballot is not correct, and should not be resorted to in subordinate lodges.

"The Grand Secretary is the custodian of the property of the Grand Lodge, except when the custody is not especially delegated to others. That all portraits presented to the Grand Lodge, or such as have been secured by payment on the part of the Grand Lodge, are in the care and custody of the Grand Secretary. That the proper place for the deposit of the property of the Grand Lodge, which is in the care and custody of the Grand Secretary, is the Grand Secretary's office. That the location of 'Memorial Hall' has never been defined so far as I am advised, and until so defined, and its location settled, it is the duty of the Grand Secretary to collect all portraits belonging to Grand Lodge, wherever they may be found, and remove them to the Grand Secretary's office.

"The Master of a lodge has the right to exclude visitors at any time when in his judgment their presence would be detrimental to the interests of the lodge. See digest, 2d edition, page 157, 'Visiting,' paragraph 3 and 4.

"By Germantown Lodge No. 207. Decided that the lodge has the right to excuse a brother from voting; and the fact of its being by ballot cuts no figure. See book of constitutions, 1893, rule 14, page 39.

"By same lodge. The fact of a candidate canvassing the members, and obtaining from each one approached the declaration that he did not cast a black ball against him, is not sufficient to declare an error, and no ground to set aside the ballot. It was certainly a strange figure for members to permit a candidate to thus approach

them, and should subject each member who allowed himself to be thus interrogated to charges of unmasonic conduct for disclosing in that manner how he voted, thus violating the secrecy of the ballot box. * * *

"The Master of a lodge (and when I say Master I mean the officer who is presiding) has the right to invite any Master Mason to to confer the degrees of Masonry, provided he is qualified to do so, without regard to his having filled the chair of a lodge, or whether he is a member or visitor."

Bro. Staton is out-spoken in condemnation of the system of Grand Representatives :

"In this connection I desire to express my contempt for the whole system of Grand Representatives. It has accomplished no good whatever, but has been a source of sowing dissensions among the jurisdictions, having in some instances broken up the friendly relations between Grand Lodges and disturbed the peaceful relations of others. A system which breeds so much contention and bitterness, and accomplishes no good whatever, is only fit to be cast to the moles and the bats. Not a few grand jurisdictions have abolished the system and withdrawn the commissions of their representatives. I see no good reason why Kentucky should longer encumber itself with the system which accomplishes so little good, but fraught only with troubles and vexations to all those who have to do with it. I recommend that the system be abolished so far as it relates to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

"I have made no appointments of Grand Representatives during the year, although I have been notified of vacancies. I have regarded the game not worth the ammunition spent in getting it, and thus have saved the Grand Secretary that much useless labor at least."

Bro. Staton, as was to have been expected, proved himself a most efficient Grand Master. His thorough acquaintance with all departments of Masonry and his excellent judgment enabled him to fulfil all the duties of the office to the admiration of his brethren, and he retired from the chair with the unanimous commendation of the Grand Lodge for his valuable services.

Eight new lodges were formed.

A committee was appointed to prepare for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, "the first west of the Alleghanies," which will occur in 1900.

The "Home" committee made a very urgent appeal for more funds to relieve the pressing necessities of the managers, and suggesting that the session should be confined to two days, and the saving made thereby given to the Home. The report was received and filed.

The Grand Lodge declined to take any action on the Mississippi resolutions as to jurisdiction over candidates.

The system of appointing Grand Representatives was abolished, and the following resolutions were passed :

"*Resolved*, That all commissions to Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, or its Grand Master, to Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky near other Grand Lodges, be and the same are hereby revoked.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master be directed to request the revocation of all commissions to Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky."

Bro. W. W. Clarke has a report on Correspondence, and he reviews our Proceedings of 1893. In his notice of Massachusetts, he gives another whack at the perpetual jurisdiction absurdity :

"What now about *comity*? This peculiarly obnoxious law must, on the principle of comity, be recognized by other jurisdictions even though an express provision of their constitutions be overridden thereby, yet, when a lodge in one such jurisdiction refuses to violate the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to which it owes allegiance, and initiates a candidate who, years before, was rejected by a Massachusetts lodge, he is not only a clandestine Mason, until, forsooth, the Massachusetts lodge *heals* him. The principal of *comity*, it seems, does not here apply. Query: If one of these *perpetual* jurisdiction brothers should meet in the Celestial Lodge above a Mason who had once been rejected by one of their lodges, would he affiliate with him or would he insist on his returning below and being *healed*?"

Lodges, 459 ; members, 18,077 ; increase, 135.

Henry H. Holeman, (Madisonville), G. M.

H. B. Grant, (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

83rd Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 11, 1895.

George H. Packwood, G. M.

The Grand Master visited forty-two lodges, and found considerable zeal manifested and harmony prevailing. Interest in Masonry has increased, and in nearly every lodge accessions have been made. He opened five new lodges.

A number of propositions and motions were laid over till next year.

Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, the Chairman of Correspondence, believes the Grand Representative system to be not only useless but detrimental. On the reception of visiting brethren, he says :

"We will here add, that once in our Masonic career, after admission and a formal introduction, and a short interval had elapsed during which the business immediately in hand was transacted, the body was nominally called to refreshment, and an individual introduction was given me, to all the members who desire it—some five or ten minutes were thus passed (it was a large assembly), acquaintances were formed, to remember which has afforded much pleasure

in the years which have followed, and then labor was resumed. It has struck me that such a practice might be inaugurated in our lodges, with great, good effect. If nothing more of good should accrue, it would give the members an opportunity of changing their position, as we children were allowed to do by a considerate teacher when at school."

Lodges, 126 ; members, 5,260 ; increase, 396.

George H. Packwood, (Clinton), G. M.

Richard Lambert, (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

75th Communication, Portland, May 1, 1894.

Horace H. Burbank, G. M.

The steady growth of recent years still continues.

The committee on the History of Masonry in Maine give a list of lodges whose history is in print, and make the following recommendation :

" Your committee recommends that the Grand Lodge emphatically urge a general exchange of lodge histories between those lodges which have either complete or partial histories in print. If every lodge that has printed its history can thus, by a simple exchange, obtain a set of all the printed histories in the state, the nucleus of a library will be formed in many a lodge that now has none ; and there will spring up among the lodges a new interest in the history of Masonry in Maine, and a new interest in each other, which cannot fail to be of beneficial effect."

Oklahoma was recognized.

The ritual committee submitted a correct interpretation of the work and lectures, which was adopted. One paragraph of their report is as follows :

"In connection with the purely esoteric portion we were extremely fortunate in being furnished with such information that we were enabled to trace backward for about ninety years the work in use in lodges now in this jurisdiction, and were surprised, as well as greatly pleased, to discover that so little deviation has occurred." * * *

The following report of the committee on Public Grand Honors was adopted :

" Your Committee on ' Public Grand Honors,' which made a partial report in 1890, presents the following conclusion to the report then made :

" At that time we fully described the two methods of giving ' Public Grand Honors,' most frequently employed, which we called ' Mackey ' and ' Macoy ' methods, and we can add but very little to that report except recommendations, which we did not then feel quite prepared to make.

" Further investigation, however, has strengthened the belief of your committee that so far as use in public on occasions *other than funeral* is concerned, neither the ' Mackey ' nor the ' Macoy ' method

can claim our observance on account either of ancient usage or of special appropriateness.

"We desire to especially emphasize the statement that 'Public Grand Honors' should not be confounded with 'Funeral Grand Honors.' The Mackey method, slightly amended as given on page 116 of the Maine Masonic Text Book, is especially appropriate for funeral services, and we recommend that it be adopted as our 'Funeral Grand Honors.'

"The 'Macoy' method of giving Public Grand Honors is practiced in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, and its 'three times three' may be a recommendation there, but we cannot see that it has any claim for recognition in a symbolic lodge.

"The Romans may have expressed *approbation* by a particular manner of striking together the hands, as do people to-day, but your committee believes that our Public Grand Honors should express *obedience, deference and reverence*.

"We therefore prefer, as being more expressive and more in accordance with the Eastern origin of our rites a method of giving Public Grand Honors similar to that practised in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and we recommend that in this jurisdiction they be given by crossing the arms upon the breast, the left uppermost, the tips of the fingers touching the points of the shoulders, and bowing three times with arms thus crossed.

"These Public Grand Honors are to be given at public installations, constitution of new lodges, dedication of halls, laying of corner stones, and all public occasions when Funeral Grand Honors are not required."

Bro. J. H. Drummond submitted his thirtieth annual report on Correspondence. He compliments M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson on his address in 1893, and also says :

"The reports of the D. D. G. Masters take up one hundred and ninety pages in the proceedings: they are submitted in advance of the session of Grand Lodge: the committee, evidently after a careful examination of them, add a report of twelve pages in fine type. It would seem as if every lodge in the jurisdiction was reported upon. We are surprised at one thing: the Deputies have to depend upon the lodges for re-imbusement of their expenses, and it often happens that they lean upon a broken reed in this respect. We know of no jurisdiction in which the Deputies perform their duties with as much fidelity and enthusiasm as those of this Grand Lodge, and when we learn that their work is done at a loss of money as well as of time, we deem them worthy of the highest praise."

Lodges 192 ; members, 21,563 ; increase, 77.

Horace H. Burbank, (Saco,) G. M.

Stephen Berry, (Portland,) G. S.

MANITOBA.

19th Communication, Banff, June 13, 189S.

David J. Coggin, G. M.

Owing to to the great distances between lodges in this most extensive jurisdiction, it is very difficult to make many official

visits. The Grand Master travelled over 3000 miles in visiting only nine lodges. Banff, where this session was held, is over 900 miles from the headquarters of the Grand Lodge in Winnipeg.

The reports show an increase in the membership, books carefully kept, and finances in a fairly sound condition, but more attention is required, (as in most other places,) to the collection of dues and the insurance of lodge property. In ritual and ceremonial work, there is a satisfactory proficiency. The Past Masters Association in Winnipeg for the study of Masonic questions and the furtherance of all Masonic objects, promises to be a most useful ally of the Grand Lodge.

New lodges were opened at Gretna, Maple Creek and Grenfell.

In the report of the committee on the Grand Master's address, we find the following timely and well chosen remarks :

"Your Committee feels that, with the present unsettled state of feeling and unrest in the industrial world, Masonry cannot exercise its beneficent influence in a better manner than in constantly endeavoring to promote social and intellectual intercourse between members of the fraternity. It would help to impress upon members the high truths and ideals of Masonic life, and the happy combination of democratic methods of dealing with one another, with the absolute necessity of a strict respect for rules and regulations designed for the best government of society, thus teaching that changes should only be brought about after careful and mature deliberation, not simply considering the effect which such changes may have upon any individual or individual lodge, but upon the whole Craft in general. Masonry teaches us a great lesson that man is but the unit in society, and that whatever affects his welfare or his detriment has a corresponding effect upon society at large."

We are sorry to notice that the whole property of the Grand Lodge was destroyed by fire, necessitating the re-printing of all the Proceedings of 1894.

Lodges, 51 ; members, 2,278 ; increase, 138.

Thomas Tweed, (Medicine Hat), G. M.

William G. Scott, (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

At the semi-annual communication in May, 1894, appropriate addresses were delivered on the sudden death of their Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Robert K. Martin.

It was resolved to prohibit the practice of holding picnics, excursions, and other public entertainments under the auspices and name of any lodge. This is the first movement of the kind that we have seen for some time, and we think it is de-

cidedly a move in the right direction. The appearance of Masons in public, clothed as Masons, should be confined to strictly Masonic occasions, such as the laying of a corner-stone of a public building or of a Masonic funeral.

A committee was appointed to join in the proposed centennial celebration in 1899, of the death of W. Bro. George Washington.

108th Communication, Baltimore, Nov. 20, 1894.

Thomas J. Shryock, G. M.

The amount expended in the reconstruction of their Masonic Temple appears to have been \$194,872.50.

The Mississippi resolutions as to jurisdiction over candidates were not concurred in, and the same fate befel the Wisconsin proposal as to the duty of each lodge to take care of its own members when in distress. On this latter subject the committee say :

“Your committee unhesitatingly say, that the adoption of this proposition would destroy one of the fundamental principles of our Fraternity,—robbing Freemasonry of one of her brightest gems,—Charity, and bring our time honored Fraternity on a level with the mutual benefit accociation of the day.

“It has been our boast that Freemasonry is a universal fraternity—a family of friends and brothers, wheresoever dispersed, mutually bound one to the other by the most sacred ties. Hence, ‘a Master Mason in good standing is justly entitled to all the rights and benefits of Masonry, not only while under the jurisdiction of the lodge which made him a Mason, or with which he may have subsequently affiliated, but he may claim them of any lodge in the world under whose jurisdiction he may happen to be. His lodge extends from east to west and from north to south.’

“The injunction to ‘to help, aid and assist’ being no more binding upon us toward those of our particular lodge than it is towards the distressed worthy brother who may come to us from the uttermost parts of the world.”

Bro. Edward T. Schultz presents another of his excellent reports on correspondence. Canada for 1893 receives due mention.

Lodges, 83 ; members, 6621 ; increase, 69.

Thomas J. Shryock, (Baltimore), G. M.

Jacob H. Medairy, (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Quarterly Communication, Boston, March 14, 1894.

The constitution was amended so as to allow brethren to hold membership in a foreign lodge. The amended clause reads as follows :

"No brother shall be a member of more than one lodge in this Commonwealth."

Quarterly Communication, June 13, 1894.

The following motion was adopted :

"*Voted*, That a committee of five members of the Grand Lodge be appointed to investigate forthwith the alleged preparation and circulation of a key, or cipher, of the Ritual of this Grand Lodge, with instructions to use their utmost exertions to ferret out the guilty parties, and report at the next Quarterly Communication; and that said committee have full authority to summon any and all brethren who they may have cause to believe to have knowledge in regard to the preparation or circulation of said key or cipher."

This Committee reported in full at the September meeting and the result was the expulsion of Bros. George H. Earl and G. H. G. McGrew, and the passage of the following resolution

"*Whereas* it appears, from the report of the Special Committee on the cipher lately issued, that the plates and one thousand copies of a printed work, purporting to be a cipher of the Ritual of this Grand Lodge, are in existence ;

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Ritual be directed to consider and report what legislation, or orders, are necessary to make the work thus published of no Masonic value, either by recommending a revision of the present Ritual or making it a Masonic offence for any Brother to have or use the cipher work or anything similar thereto, or such other way or manner as the Committee may see fit to propose."

Quarterly Communication, Boston, Dec. 12, 1894.

Otis E. Weld, G. M.

A burial lot in Mount Hope Cemetery was presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. John H. Collamore, and a special meeting was held to consecrate it. The first interment happened to be of the remains of a brother from our Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, Bro. Thomas T. Milne.

The sum of \$10,000 was appropriated out of the surplus receipts of the past year, to the Masonic Education and Charity trust.

A two-thirds vote is necessary to elect their Grand Master.

The following, from the committee on ritual, was adopted :

"*Whereas*, certain unauthorized practices tend to corrupt the work and lectures of this Grand Lodge, and deceive the Craft ; *and, Whereas*, certain printed books, purporting to be cipher keys to the ritual, or parts thereof, of this Grand Lodge, have been found in circulation in this jurisdiction ; it is *Voted*, That hereafter any Mason, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, who shall print, or cause to be printed, any such book or sheets, or buy or sell the same, or cause the same to be bought or sold, or who shall use or circulate the same, shall be liable to expulsion from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, or to be otherwise punished, by vote of the Grand Lodge at any Quarterly Communication thereof."

They have four lodges in Chili, South America, and one in Shanghai, China.

Lodges, 234 ; members, 34,703 ; increase, 767.

Edwin B. Holmes, (Boston), G. S.

Sereno D. Nickersen, (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

51st Communication, Detroit, Jan. 22, 1895.

William H. Phillips, G. M.

This bulky volume, about the size of Webster's Unabridged, strikes terror to the heart of the reviewer. It contains the record of the celebration of their semi-centennial anniversary, and the impossibility of confining within a reasonable compass all the good things appearing in its pages would be apparent to the most superficial observer.

The Grand Master opens his address with the following remarks :

"In view of the fact that we are to celebrate, during this session, the fiftieth anniversary of this Grand Lodge, it is not my intention, had I the ability, to enter into an historical account of this and previous Grand Lodges in this state, but I may be pardoned in stating that there have been organized here, three Grand Lodges, one in 1826, one in 1841, and the present in 1844. The first regular Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in this city, January 8th, 1845. John Mullett was the Most Worshipful Grand Master. At that session there were only six constituent lodges and one under dispensation. The membership of those lodges was not reported at that time. The first record I have been able to find, giving the total number of Masons in this state, is the Grand Secretary's report for the year 1848, from which it appears that there were twenty-one lodges having a membership of five hundred and seventy-nine. There were undoubtedly a few more Masons in this state at that time, as three of those lodges made no report.

"Masonry in this jurisdiction has continued to prosper from the organization of this Grand Lodge, and the six constituent lodges, with a small membership, have continued to multiply and increase until we come to the fifty-first Annual Communication with three hundred and seventy-six lodges having a membership of thirty-six thousand five hundred. Truly, brethren, we have much for which to be thankful. Let us therefore, celebrate our semi-centennial in this beautiful city of the Straits, the city of our Masonic nativity, with joy and gladness.

"The last year has been one of financial ruin and social distress to many worthy men and Masons. The wheels of industry have been clogged and the hum of many factories ceased. Furnace fires have been extinguished and vast armies of unemployed workmen are tramping through our land, all of which add to the general feeling of uneasiness and distrust. May the Great Architect of heaven and earth speed the day when confidence shall be restored and prosperity again abide with us as a nation. But, notwithstanding the great

financial depression, Freemasonry in this grand jurisdiction has been prosperous. Our altar fires burn brightly and the beautiful language of our ritual is still heard in the land. While some of our lodges have met with misfortune, by way of fires, a large majority have been prosperous and their membership steadily increased. It is true all have felt the heavy drain upon their finances, owing to urgent calls for charity, yet all these have been met by hard work and brotherly sacrifice; and now, all our lodges come to the fifty-first Annual Communication fully represented and their dues paid. Wherefore, brethren, let us return thanks to our Supreme Grand Master for the continued prosperity of Masonry in this grand jurisdiction and for the 'manifold comforts and blessings we enjoy.'"

The Grand Lecturer says that the attendance at his schools of instruction has been greater by thousands than during any previous year. He gave instruction to more than 9000 Master Masons. The ambition to improve in the work has produced better furnished lodge-rooms, larger and better attendance at lodge meetings, and better material.

Neither the Wisconsin relief proposal, nor the Mississippi jurisdictional rules were concurred in.

The corner stone of the new Masonic Temple in Detroit was laid with imposing ceremonies. In the procession there were over 100 Canadian Masons.

The following report was adopted, and henceforth, the loss of one eye, the other being good, is no disqualification in Michigan :

"We teach a candidate at the very threshold of Masonry that it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that should recommend him to be made a Mason. We should either change the work so as to read that an excellent physique is an essential qualification for admission and that more attention will be paid to that, than other considerations, or we should conform our jurisprudence to our ethical teachings.

"The fraternity will always regard as the supreme authority the principles which underlie our moralistic system and decisions which conflict therewith will fail to receive the moral support of the Craft.

"There must be no segregation of our jurisprudence and the written or unwritten principles which lie at the root of our system. Its ethical thought must control not only its legislation, but it must permeate its jurisprudence. In operative Masonry extreme caution as to physical qualifications was proper, but the reason for the rule has no application to the practice of speculative Masonry and the rule should therefore be relaxed."

Brother R. B. Hungerford, representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan near the Grand Lodge of Canada, being announced, was escorted to the east, introduced to the Grand Lodge and received with the Grand Honors. Brother Hungerford briefly addressed the Grand Lodge, thanking the members for the cordiality of his welcome and congratulating them upon the splendid record of this Grand Lodge in its fifty years of history, and hoping for a long continuance of those exceedingly pleasant relations between his Grand Lodge and our own.

Their Masonic Home at Grand Rapids has about 30 inmates. The cost of maintenance is about \$15 per month for each inmate. The Grand Lodge declined to take over and own and provide for the Home, but appointed a committee to present to the lodges the needs and necessities of the Home.

The Grand Officers were installed in public.

A prominent feature of this volume is in the collection of portraits and biographical sketches of all their Past Grand Masters, and it forms a unique and very interesting part of their Jubilee Record.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1894.

Lodges, 378 ; members, 36,713 ; increase, 847.

Edwin L. Bowring, (Grand Rapids), G. M.

Jefferson S. Conover, (Coldwater), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

42nd Communication, St. Paul, Jan. 16, 1895.

Calvin D. Brown, G. M.

He reports the Fraternity as fairly prosperous. Three new lodges were formed. The schools of instruction have been of great benefit to the Craft. Full instructions were given in the ceremonies of opening, closing, calling off, calling on, and in the floor work and lectures of each degree. There was a fair attendance at these meetings, nearly one half of the lodges being represented. The following resolutions were adopted :

"1. Each custodian shall hold at least six schools of instruction during the masonic year, within the bounds of his district, and as many more as the exigencies of the work may seem to demand and the facilities at his command may warrant.

"2. It shall be the duty of the officers of lodges who may be notified of the holding of a school of instruction to be present at said school by their representatives.

"3. To meet the expenses that may be incurred in carrying forward this work for the coming year there shall be appropriated from the funds of this Grand Lodge the sum of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary in the proper inculcation of the work, said appropriation to be disbursed under the direction of the Grand Master.

"*Resolved*, That an individual lodge may arrange with the custodian of the district in which it may be located, for instruction in the work, said lodge defraying expenses thus incurred."

The Mississippi resolutions were not concurred in, the second being contrary to the Minnesota rule of exclusive jurisdiction, and the first because it leads to or invites a violation of the secrecy of the ballot.

On the Wisconsin proposition, the following report was adopted :

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to a communication from a committee of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, approved by Grand Master W. H. Sawyer, concerning reimbursements for relief extended to needy brethren, having duly considered the same, fraternally report, that the rule adopted and which prevails in this Grand Lodge jurisdiction is that the wayfaring brother in distress is entitled to relief from any masonic brother to whom he applies, so far as his ability will permit, without injury to himself, and that this relief should be extended without hope of fee or expectation of reward. This Grand Lodge has, by affirmative regulation, enacted that no brother or subordinate lodge extending relief to a wayfaring brother in distress, shall apply for or ask, directly or indirectly, reimbursement or reward for such relief, and we deem such rule as reflecting the true and correct principle and basis for masonic relief. Your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge fraternally decline to acquiesce in the proposition made."

Bro. Irving Todd reviews Canada for 1894.

Lodges, 201 ; members, 15,543 ; increase, 520.

Calvin D. Brown, Morris, G. M.

Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

77th Communication, West Point, Feb. 14, 1895.

J. L. Spinks, G. M.

Freemasonry is prospering and on the upward tendency. "The reports show that the work of the year will compare very favorably with that of the preceding year. One of the brightest and most esteemed members, Bro. R. B. Brannin, Grand Lecturer, passed away during the year.

On their Board of Custodians, the Grand Master says :

"Since the re-establishment of the District Deputy System our Board of Custodians seems to be a sort of fifth wheel affair, and I fail to see the necessity for their continuance in office. 'They toil not, neither do they spin,' and I give it as my opinion that their term of office, which the law fixes at four years, has long since expired by limitation, and that at present the Grand Lecturer is the only remaining custodian, he being ex-officio a member by virtue of his office."

Three new lodges were opened.

For the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master exercised his high prerogative of making a Mason at sight. His account of the transaction is given below, and we have only to say that the justification attempted seems to us to be entirely inadequate. The recipient of the honor may have been worthy, but he was an utter stranger to the Grand Master, and his only voucher was equally unknown. Something more was surely necessary to justify the exercise of a power so rarely invoked :

"The history of this case is as follows: While on a visit to Biloxi, myself and five other brethren, at the request of Past Grand Master John F. McCormick, who is Inspector of Customs for the Port of Biloxi, accompanied him to Ship Island. On board of the tug which conveyed us to the Island, we met Capt. Maddrell, who had been on shore, and with whom Bro. McCormick was well acquainted. We found the Captain to be a most pleasant, courteous, and agreeable gentleman. On arriving at Ship Island, the sea was so rough that the tug could not land, and as we had to remain all day, (the tug not returning to Biloxi until night,) the Captain kindly invited us to spend the day on board his ship; we accepted the invitation and on boarding the vessel were introduced to the 1st mate, G. J. Lewin, whom Capt. Maddrell informed us was a Mason, at the same time expressing regret that he was not; that he entertained a very high regard for the Institution of Freemasonry, but his business was such that he did not stop long enough in any place to make application.

"On entering the Captain's cabin I was forcibly impressed with the neat and homelike appearance it presented. Adorning the walls, were portraits of friends, and the wife and babies across the sea, while here and there, neatly framed, were many beautiful mottoes and scriptural quotations; indicating that the Captain placed his trust in the Great I am and realized that 'God lived upon the water just the same as on the land,' and when I observed to him that this was something 'out of the usual,' pointing to these mottoes, he said: 'These, gentlemen, are my coat of arms.'

"We spent a pleasant forenoon looking over the ship; dined with the Captain after; the menu was excellent, and so was the cognac and wine, at least so said the brethren. The Captain neither drank nor smoked, and I drew the line at cigars. After dinner we retired to the cabin of the first mate to satisfy ourselves that he was a Mason, and the examinations proving satisfactory, he informed us that Capt. Madrell was very anxious to become a Mason, but owing to the business he was engaged in did not have an opportunity; and knowing that I was Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi, urged me to exercise my highest prerogative and make him a 'Mason at sight.' I replied that though I had the power, I would not think of doing this, unless special reasons should exist; that though the Captain seemed to be a Christian gentleman, I knew nothing of him or his character. His reply was, 'I have followed the high seas for many years, and Capt. Madrell is the best and most pious man I have ever known in the business; there is not a sailor on board the ship but that respects him too highly to utter an oath in his presence, and the second mate and myself would not say anything 'smutty' or indecent in his hearing.' I then consulted with my brethren and they all consenting, at the request of Capt. Madrell, we made him a Mason in 'due form,' and the Craft thereby gained a worthy brother, who will live up to the teachings of Freemasonry, and be a worthy representative of our noble and time-honored institution wherever he may go."

On this same subject the Jurisprudence Committee submitted the following report:

"We have given such consideration to so much of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master's address as relates to the making of a Mason at sight, as was possible under the circumstances. It is a question which must be considered as one of law and one of expediency.

Under the first branch, we find that this Grand Lodge, in 1853, adopted the motion of Past Grand Master Hillyer to adopt the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, written by Past Grand Master Mellen, after a motion made by Past Grand Master Scott had been defeated, to spread it on the minutes, showing deliberation, in which the right and power of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight, is distinctly claimed. In a later report Bro. Mellen asserts that it 'has always been the doctrine of this Grand Lodge.' As late as 1875 the Grand Lodge adopted the Blue Lodge Text Book containing Bro. Mackey's twenty-five landmarks, one of which is declaratory of such a prerogative residing in the Grand Master. In the present edition of the Text Book there is a declaration of the 'Fundamental Principles of Masonry,' prepared by Grand Master Hillyer, and found amongst his papers after his death, in which the Grand Master is declared to have certain prerogatives, amongst which we find enumerated, this: 'To make Masons at sight, with the consent and assistance of the Masons he assembles into a lodge.' The doctrine has been controverted by some of our ablest men, but so far as the proceedings accessible at this time and place show, the action of 1853 has not been overruled, and remains until this day as the decision of this Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge having made a deliverance upon any question it becomes the law, and individual opinion must yield to it, until reversed. The decision being in favor of the existence of such prerogative it follows that the Grand Master had the right to make Capt. George A. Maddrill a Mason with the assistance of a competent number of the brethren in an emergent lodge in which he presided. The question is altogether too voluminous to admit of a careful examination under the circumstances by which we are surrounded. While this committee are not prepared to admit that the right exists at all, by virtue of any ancient law, or usage, they feel bound by the ruling of the Grand Lodge in 1853, and therefore it is they reach the conclusion that the Grand Master's act, in making a Mason at sight, was in accordance with the declared law of this Grand Lodge. It is not in harmony with many of our laws, which are based on jurisdiction; due inquiry being made as to the character of the candidate; the unanimous ballot; that a Mason shall hail from some regular lodge, and numerous other provisions of our code of laws, but it is not distinctly forbidden anywhere. If the prerogative exists at all, it is superior to the modern law and cannot be abrogated.

"As a question of expediency, your committee are unanimous in the opinion that if the prerogative exists, it ought not to be exercised under any circumstances whatever. And in expressing this opinion we do not wish to be understood as criticising the act of the Grand Master, for if he has the prerogative it certainly is discretionary with him whether he will exercise it or not. The wisest and greatest Masons, not only in our own Grand Lodge, but all over the world, have radically differed regarding the powers of the Grand Master, and while one asserts the existence of the prerogative claimed for the office, another utterly denies them to have any foundation in Ancient Masonry, and believe him to be simply a constitutional officer, bound by the declared laws of his Grand Lodge. Where there is such a diversity of opinion, no one can be censured for exercising his judgment. We concede this right to the Grand Master, and while not approving the act, we cannot deny to him the right, and if he has the right it surely is discretionary with him whether he will exercise it or not."

The question being on the adoption of this report, it was moved and carried that the matter be committed to the Jurisprudence committee, with directions to further examine the question and report at the next annual session.

The "Saloon law" was amended to read as follows: "No Mason, either as principal, agent, employee, or in any other capacity, shall sell intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, and the penalty therefor shall be expulsion."

On the jurisdiction questions, the Grand Secretary says:

"On May 6, the proposed 'Uniform Rules as to Jurisdiction over Candidates,' adopted at our last Grand Communication, were communicated by special circular to the several Grand Lodges. Except in a few instances, I have not been formally advised of the action taken, but our vigilant Correspondence Reporter has noted the action pro and con. They have been received with but little favor, and in some instances with decided objections. They have, however, given our sister Grand Lodges an interesting topic for discussion."

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Andrew H. Barkley, and it is one of the best of the year. We must make room for part of his introductory remarks:

"Its usages, customs, Ancient Regulations, Symbols, Laws, Ritual, Landmarks, and Mode of Recognition, are fixed and unalterable. 'It is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make the least innovation in the body of Masonry.' There is no institution like it. The things already mentioned are those which make Freemasonry what it is, and hence nothing that is *modern* can be engrafted on it. Nothing can be added to or taken from it. It is a sacred trust handed down to us by the fathers, and we must transmit it unimpaired to those who shall come after us.

"It is folly for men claiming to be Masons to talk about determining the *modes* of recognition. These are well known—or ought to be—among all well-informed Masons. If these are not understood, or if they are not the same among all Masons now that they were at first, then there has been a departure from the *ancient* teachings, and anything supplied or substituted is an *innovation*, and thus far Freemasonry has lost one of its *landmarks*. The modes of recognition are a part of the *ancient usages*. These usages cannot be altered or changed. Heresies will, and sometimes do gain admission by the introduction of one or more words which to the unsuspecting are of no importance and can do no special harm, but in the end it is found that these are simply the entering wedge to radical departure from the faith as handed down to us.

"The best time to stop an innovation in any form is to arrest the first step in that direction. The best way to keep clear of those things which tend to modernize Freemasonry is to study Freemasonry as it was, and then put into practice the lessons we have learned from a patient study of its great principles. It is the neglect on the part of the many to inform themselves as to what Freemasonry is and what it teaches, that opens the door to suggestions which are foreign to the very first principles of the institution.

"We have schools of instruction to teach the ritual so that our Masters, Wardens and Deacons may properly confer the degrees in

Masonry, and then instruct the initiate, by delivering the lectures. This is all right, and we have no opposition to it whatever, but we are in need of another school—one where Masons shall be taught what Masonry is. We need to be taught how to live Masonry before one another and the world. We need to be taught anew the first step in Masonry, and that is—why do we live? Is there a place for us as Masons to fill, and in what way do we meet the end for which we were brought into the world? Do we live, or simply profess Masonry? The man who simply professes, but does not live up to that profession, is a blot on its fair escutcheon. There is a weighty responsibility resting upon every Mason to so exemplify in his walk and conversation the great tenets of the institution, that others seeing the good effects in the man's life, shall be constrained to learn for themselves the secret of the power which brings forth good fruits in the lives and actions of those who are governed by such healthful and moral principles as are found in the institution of Freemasonry. Another step in this scholastic course, and which must not be overlooked, is—

FOR WHAT DO WE LIVE?

“The lowest conception of life is, to live for oneself. Now Masonry teaches us to look to the welfare of our brother as our own. It teaches us to love him as a brother, to aid him by good counsel, and not to supplant him in his lawful and laudable pursuits. This principle must govern us in all our relations one with another, if we be true Masons.

“Selfishness is not one of the doctrines inculcated in the school of Masonry. There is no place for it in the course of study prescribed. The very *truths* taught here, tend to eradicate it so fully, that it never again grows and flourishes in a man's life. The teachings of Freemasonry are designed to cleanse, purify and elevate. They remove the vices and superfluities of life, and bring the whole man into sweet obedience to its wholesome laws and benign principles.

“Every man who is made a partaker of the mysteries of Freemasonry is under a most solemn and moral obligation to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the great lessons of the institution. The richest veins and purest gold lie down deep in the mines, and to find these, and become a possessor of the metal, we must delve down to where the deposits alone can be found.

“No man has a right to claim to be a Mason who is satisfied with a bare initiation. The ritualistic teachings, however beautiful and instructive they may be, are simply the key put into the Mason's hand by which he may unlock the great treasure-house, where are garnered the stores of Masonic truth. This truth must be studied, and the lessons drawn therefrom put into practice in the everyday life of the student of these mysteries. The Mason's knowledge is worthless to him unless he puts into practice. It must be used, and that, too, in such a way as to prove that its teachings have brought forth good fruit in the man's heart and life.

“The principles of Freemasonry are pure, and the teachings sound, but what influence do these exert over us? And here we are brought to consider the great question:

HOW DO WE LIVE?

“The streams which issue from a fountain are of the same in kind as the fountain from which they flow. If the fountain be corrupt, the streams which flow from it will have a corrupting influence, and

everything with which they come in contact will be contaminated thereby.

"This statement is supported by authority and proof which none can gainsay, 'Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?—so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.' This is contrary to nature. It is an impossibility.

"No profane man is, or can be, a good Mason. Reverence for God and a reverent use of His name is strictly enjoined upon every initiate, and profanity, in whatever form, is a palpable violation of the very first and plainest teachings of Freemasonry. 'Ye shall know them by their fruit. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.'

"These great truths address themselves to our most patient consideration, and should lead us to so order our lives that we may thereby commend to others the principles which we profess, and thus lead them to embrace, and govern themselves by them, in all their intercourse with each other.

"We cannot afford to remove the landmarks. They are the bulwark of the institution of Freemasonry, and the more rigidly we cling to these the less liable we will be to yield ourselves up to the influences whose every tendency is to draw the less informed Mason away from the safe moorings furnished to all who adhere to its pure teachings.

"With the firm conviction of the truth of these great principles, and assured that safety is to be found nowhere outside of the teachings of this institution, we have been constrained, dear brethren, to write these 'few plain words' with the earnest hope that they may find lodgement in every heart and bring forth good fruit."

Canada for 1893 and 1894 receives kindly mention.

Lodges, 259; members, 8,795; increase, 94.

James T. Harrison, (Columbus), G. M.

J. L. Power, (Jackson), G. S.

MISSOURI.

74th Communication, St. Louis, Oct. 9, 1894

Harry Keene, G. M.

He reports five new lodges. He held nine State lodges of Instruction, and says of them:

"I am fully confident of the great good these meetings produce in the way of teaching the work to the Fraternity. The meetings were largely attended and the interest manifested the best proof of success. The Assistant Grand Lecturer was present at the two first meetings, also the District Deputy Grand Masters and District Lecturers of their respective Districts. To this band of untiring workers, I attribute largely the uniformity of the work throughout the State and the general unanimity and concord among the brethren."

The Craft is in excellent working order and intensely interested in learning the ritualistic work.

On their lodge in Mexico, Bro. Keene says:

"In compliance with the expression of the Grand Lodge concerning this Lodge, I wrote to Worshipful Brother Chism, advising him of the action taken, and advised said lodge to accept a charter from the Gran Dieta of Mexico, which consolidation ends this vexed question, excepting several of its members, to whom Grand Lodge dimits were granted on return of the charter to the Grand Secretary's office. All the papers are herewith submitted."

The Grand Master very properly declined to lay the corner stone of an Infirmary, it being a private institution.

There are 75 inmates in their Masonic Home. Some difficulty was experienced by the admission of a number of people who were much older than the class whom the institution was intended to benefit. When the new Sanitorium is finished, this difficulty will be overcome.

The jurisdiction rules proposed by Mississippi were not adopted.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence in his usual able and entertaining manner.

Lodges, 559 ; members, 30,122 ; increase, 499.

J. B. Thomas, (Albany), G. M.

John D. Vincil, (St. Louis), G. S.

MONTANA.

30th Communication, Billings, Sept. 19, 1894.

F. C. Webster, G. M.

The lodges are working harmoniously, but they have felt the effect of the general depression.

A proposal was made to prohibit public installations in lodges, but it was decided that the matter should be left to the sound discretion of the Masters of lodges.

The proportion of Grand Lodge dues to be set aside for the Charity Fund was again increased from ten to fifteen per cent.

The following resolutions were adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the subordinate lodges be requested to instruct their delegates to the next Annual Communication, relative to their wishes in providing a permanent location for holding the Annual Communication, and the lodges voting for a permanent location are requested to indicate their preference for the town or city where it shall be located.

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that newly made Masons should be examined as to their proficiency in the lectures of the Third Degree and recommend that Masters request such newly-made brothers to appear in open lodge and pass such examination at some convenient time within six months of their raising."

The committee on Correspondence were instructed to take

steps to secure from the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, a waiver of jurisdiction over the Yellowstone Park.

The office of Grand Lecturer was abolished.

Lodges, 37 ; members, 2,354 ; increase, 80.

James H. Monteath, (Butte), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges, (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

37th Communication, Omaha, June 20, 1894.

James P. A. Black, G. M.

After detailing the disastrous effects of the financial crisis, the Grand Master thus proceeds to delineate the brighter side, in which the Craft is a leading factor :

“ Yet I am proud to state that the brethren of the Fraternity have so nobly risen to meet the emergency, and throughout the length and breadth of our fair state the subordinate lodges have so readily and cheerfully guarded the welfare of the brethren within their respective jurisdictions, anticipating the needs of the worthy brother in distress, that no appeal has been left unanswered, and in very exceptional cases has the Grand Lodge been called upon to render financial aid. And now that the fury of the storm has passed, that the sunshine again breaks through the clouds, and prosperity once more dawns upon us, we have reason for congratulation that the bonds of fraternal fellowship so strongly uniting us have maintained us an unbroken band, and, without the loss of one, we have, through mutual adversity, become only more firmly united, and present to-day a solid front in the battle of life.”

There is a marked improvement in the work of the lodges. The most proficient lodges are those who have re-elected their officers, or at least their Master, for a term of years. Four new lodges were formed.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1893.

Lodges, 215 ; members, 11,486 ; increase, 529.

John A. Ehrhardt, (Stanton), G. M.

William R. Bowen, (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

30th Communication, Virginia City, June 12, 1894.

John E. Jones, G. M.

The membership has decreased in consequence of the financial stringency.

A proposal was made to adopt the California work, to which several amendments were made, and after considerable discussion the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. Robert Lewers reports on Correspondence. On perpetual jurisdiction, he says :

"A man goes into a restaurant and asks for a meal, but having no money to pay for it his application is rejected by the restauteur. He goes out, earns the necessary wherewithal and goes into another restaurant and makes a demand for a meal. Shall the second restaurant man consider him rejected material, and refuse to grant his request until the first man is satisfied? Not if he is the kind of a man that you and I know. If the first restauteur made any complaint, or demanded the rejected material he would probably be invited to take a trip into a country where he would not require his winter overcoat. Some one has said that no man ever had a point of vanity that did not hurt him. We are of the opinion that when a Grand Lodge lets one of its peculiar requirements stick out over the boundary of its autonomy, some irreverent Grand Lodge will be very apt to tread on it."

Lodges, 19 ; members, 913 ; decrease, 38.

Phillip A Doyle, (Carson), G. M.

C. N. Noteware, (Carson), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

27th Communication, St. John, August 28, 1894.

Thomas Walker, G. M.

Peace and harmony have prevailed within their borders, and a fair measure of prosperity has been vouchsafed to the Craft.

They mourn the loss of their esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, a good and faithful Craftsman.

The business transacted was entirely of local interest.

Lodges, 31 ; members, 1,788 ; decrease, 25.

Thomas Walker, (St. John), G. M.

Freeman W. Wisdom, (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

105th Communication, Concord, May 16, 1894.

John Pender, G. M.

The number admitted to membership is up to the average, but the suspensions for n. p. d. have largely increased.

The special committee on Masonry in Mexico presented an exhaustive report. They believe that the conclusion is irresistible, that the Masonry practiced there is very different from Ancient Craft Masonry as known here. They recommend the adoption of the following :

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge that the Grand Master would not be warranted in procuring the consent of the 'Gran Dieta Simbolica' in Mexico, or any body claiming to be subordinate thereto, for Rising Sun Lodge to confer the two remain-

ing degrees upon any person whose request therefor is based upon a claim that he had received the first degree in a Mexican lodge."

On motion of Bro. Albert S. Wait, the following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, upon the subject of Masonry in Mexico, be accepted and the resolution recommended be adopted, so far as it relates to the request of Rising Sun Lodge, but that further action be postponed to the next Annual Communication, and that the committee be instructed to continue their investigations and report any additional information obtained, and any further views they may desire to suggest."

On the subject of adoptive or female Masonry, the following report was adopted. It is in direct opposition to the course pursued by some other jurisdictions :

"Your committee view with great apprehension the conditions reported from certain sections of this grand jurisdiction relative to the so-called Eastern Star. With the simple fact of its existence this Grand Lodge has neither interest nor concern, so long as it does not unwarrantably seek to attach itself to our ancient and honored institution. One year ago the Grand Lodge in terms positive and unmistakable pointed out the law relative to the occupation of Masonic apartments for other than legitimate Masonic purposes. In defiance of this action of the Grand Lodge, it is more than probable that certain lodges have permitted and are now permitting their lodge rooms to be occupied by Chapters of the Eastern Star. If such conditions do exist, and there can be little or no doubt of the fact, it would appear to be in wilful violation of the law of the jurisdiction and should be met with prompt and suitable discipline.

"Your committee would recommend that the law upon this subject, as recited by the Grand Lodge one year ago, be reaffirmed, and that district grand officers be instructed to investigate all violations thereof and report the same to the Grand Master."

Bro. A. S. Wait submitted another of his very excellent reports on Correspondence.

Lodges, 78 ; members, 8,744 ; increase, 15.

Charles C. Hayes, (Manchester), G. M.

George P. Cleaves, (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

108th Communication, Trenton, January 23, 1895.

James H. Durand, G. M.

The reports show a very gratifying condition of the fraternity. One new lodge was formed. During the year seventy-two requests for waiver of jurisdiction from and to lodges in other States were acted upon, fifty-nine were granted and thirteen refused.

The Mississippi and Wisconsin propositions were not adopted.

The following resolution was passed :

" *Resolved*, That printed notices be sent to all the lodges of this jurisdiction, embodying a definition of the powers and duties of the Committee on Territorial Jurisdiction, noting all the changes which have been made in the Digest of Laws of this Grand Lodge since the last reprint in 1893, and also including that portion of the address of the Grand Secretary for 1895 which relates to the duties and common errors and inaccuracies of secretaries of lodges."

New South Wales was recognized.

The Committee on History have completed their work from 1787 to 1842.

The death is announced of Bro. Henry Vehslage, P. G. M., and Chairman of Correspondence for several years. His faithful and diligent work in that position entitled him to the highest appreciation of the Craft. Besides the usual allowance of \$200 to the family of a deceased Grand Master, the Grand Lodge voted \$500 for the erection of a monument to his memory.

Bro. Henry S. Haines is the new chairman of this committee, and he has a good notice of Canada for 1893 and 1894.

Lodges, 164 ; members, 15,245 ; increase, 307.

Charles Belcher, (Newark), G. M.

T. H. R. Redway, (Trenton), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

17th Communication, Albuquerque, Oct. 3, 1894

Charles H. Spordeler, G. M.

The Craft is strong and growing vigorously. A more careful and searching inquiry into the character of candidates is being pursued.

The following resolution was adopted :

" *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of New Mexico rejoices that an undertaking so admirable in its object and so far-reaching in its beneficent results as the establishing of a ' National Masonic Home for Consumptives,' has been inaugurated by our brethren of Santa Fe, and most heartily commends this noble charity to the generosity of the benevolent members of the Craft throughout the entire country."

Bro. Max Frost, in his review of Grand Lodges, notices Canada for 1894.

Lodges, 17 ; members, 842 ; increase, 88.

J. J. Kelly, (Silver City), G. M.

Alpheus A. Keen, (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

From this distant colony we have the record of four Quarterly Communications and two Special Communications of the Grand Lodge. In the reports of the Grand Inspector of Workings, we find the following paragraphs :

‘ The working of most of these lodges has pleased me very much, and in no case have I been able to find any serious fault.

“ I am impressed with the fact that the city lodges are improving each year in general efficiency, and where a few years ago only indifferent work was to be seen, to-day it is of a high standard, showing that the brethren generally take much interest in our beautiful ceremonies.

“ There are, however, one or two matters to which I would draw attention ; one is, that the step of each degree is not as a rule observed, either when entering or retiring from the lodge, or when the lodge is being opened in the different degrees ; another is, that the Inner Guard does not observe the custom of ‘ knocking ’ to warn the Tyler before opening the door.

“ I would suggest to the Senior Wardens, that when investing the candidate they should not turn their back on the Worshipful Master, and the same would apply to the Inner Guard when addressing the newly admitted candidate.” * * *

“ Regarding the working of several lodges visited, I find it to be good ; but I desire to draw the attention of the brethren to the giving of the different steps, signs, etc. At present in most of the lodges the step is entirely forgotten, and there is a great amount of carelessness shown in giving the sign. Also I would urge the brethren generally never to forget the respect they owe to the Worshipful Master, who should be treated with the utmost reverence, and his commands most implicitly obeyed.” * * *

“ The working of these lodges is on the whole, good ; but there are several matters requiring attention which I desire to point out for the information of the brethren generally.

“ I notice that in many cases the steps and signs are carelessly given, that the step is forgotten both when entering and retiring, and when the lodge is opened and closed in the several degrees, also that as a rule the wrong sign is given when addressing the chair, and again in crossing from one side of the room to the other.” * * *

“ The working in the greater number of these lodges was of a high standard, owing no doubt to the fact that in most instances the officers having occupied their respective positions for several months, are now becoming more conversant with their respective duties.

“ I noticed in many cases that the Ritual is not only well worked, but that the Worshipful Masters are insisting on all the minor details being carried out by the brethren generally, such as the signs, steps, etc., and general deportment while in open lodge. On the whole I think that Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on the excellent work performed in most of its lodges, brought about in a great measure through constant visiting on the part of the several Inspectors of Working.

“ Regarding the city lodges, I have noticed with much pleasure that where the officers are in the habit of attending the Sydney Lodge of Instruction, their work has been perfectly done, and there is little

doubt that the experience gained through attending this Institution helps many brethren to become accustomed to their several duties."

These reports show the beneficial effects of a thorough and practical visitation and instruction of the lodges.

A proposition to publish a Masonic journal under the control and direction of the Grand Lodge was negatived.

For initiating a maimed candidate, a Master was fined five pounds, and two other brethren were severely censured. As the candidate was not to blame, a dispensation was granted to confer on him the second and third degrees.

A committee on Foreign Correspondence is to be appointed.

After his re-election for a second term, the Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge in part as follows :

"It is very pleasing for me to be able to report that, notwithstanding the wave of depression which has been passing over our colony since my arrival amongst you, Freemasonry has nevertheless progressed; and although some of the lodges are not numerically so strong as they were a year ago, yet by the exercise of a little internal economy they are all in a sound healthy condition, and the balance sheet of Grand Lodge shows an increase of over £500 on the year's transactions. Five new lodges have been opened during the year—at Balranald, Dungog, Germanton, Bingera, and Drummoyne—and this clearly shows the progress we have made; and I think it is a matter for much congratulation that during a season of much depression our Craft has not only weathered the storm but has made considerable headway."

Lodges, 193; members, 8,112; decrease, 560.

Sir Robert W. Duff, (Sidney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray, (Sydney), G. S.

NEW YORK.

113th Communication, New York, June 5, 1894.

Frederick A. Burnham, G. M.

The address is a most able and valuable document. In the opening remarks, we find the following :

"The past year has been one of unexampled peace and success. Everywhere in this imperial jurisdiction prosperity and harmony reign in our lodges. At no time in the history of the Craft has the bond of our union been as strong and as perfect as to-day. Such a condition of things might naturally be considered as lacking in matter or material necessary for record; but when we remember the change and growth which has marked the past year, when we consider the forward movement of our Fraternity in this State from one phase of our work to another, from the period of preparation for the establishment of a great charity to that of its actual and successful accomplishment and operation, we can but admit that the weeks since last we met have been pregnant with the forces which produce evolution and growth, and that the results thus attained are worthy

of our most sober, careful and scrutinizing attention. Grand in its manhood, the Fraternity of this Commonwealth is nobly fulfilling its mission in making the world better and brighter."

Four new lodges were formed. On the proposed formation of a "Travelling Lodge" in France, Bro. Burnham says :

"Early in the year, application was made to me by a number of former residents of the city of New York, one at least of whom had been a member of this Grand Lodge, for a dispensation to form a so-called 'Traveling Lodge' in France, for the use of Americans and other English-speaking persons sojourning in that country, and particularly in its capital. Being personally acquainted with these applicants, and knowing from actual observation the great deprivation it is to them to be denied the benefit of Masonic intercourse and fellowship only to be found within a Masonic Lodge, I was induced to give the application thoughtful consideration. I found, upon an examination of the Transactions, that in 1886 M. W. Bro. Lawrence, in his address to the Grand Lodge, presented a somewhat similar case, and asked you to indicate the policy deemed most wise to be pursued in future with respect to the establishment of lodges beyond the borders of the State of New York. He asserted his belief in the power of the Grand Master to grant the dispensation asked for, and in the authority of the Grand Lodge to establish the proposed new lodge, and in that opinion I most heartily concur. I am informed that such traveling lodges, authorized by the Grand Lodge of England, exist in Antwerp, and in other cities upon the Continent, their membership being limited to Englishmen, and such lodges are independent of any local Masonic jurisdiction. If, as in the case of the application made to me, membership was to be limited to English-speaking persons temporarily resident on the Continent of Europe, and such lodge be established in territory which is, if not unoccupied, certainly not under the jurisdiction of any governing Masonic body with which we are in fraternal intercourse, it would seem there was no legal obstacle to the establishment of such a lodge, and that the question would therefore resolve itself into one of expediency or propriety on the part of this Grand Lodge. I denied the application made to me, but inasmuch as Grand Lodge has not placed itself upon record on this question, I deem it wise to lay it before you at this time, and to repeat the request made by the Grand Master in 1886."

Clandestine lodges have made their appearance in New York city. One is named "Kaiser Friedrich," founded by one Dr Settegast, from Berlin, Prussia. Another fraudulent imposter has filed in the office of the Secretary of the State, a certificate of incorporation of a body styled "The Grand Orient of Free and Accepted Masons of North America." After shortly relating the facts, the Grand Master proceeds :

"My object in calling your attention to these fraudulent bodies is, that the Craft at large may assist in crushing them out. It should be understood that the Grand Lodge of New York is the only source of authority for, and exercises exclusive jurisdiction in, the establishment of Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry in this State; that any organization or person claiming authority and power in Ancient

Craft Masonry in this State not derived from the Grand Lodge of New York is clandestine and spurious. It is our duty to protect the community against the impositions of unscrupulous charlatans, who, under the guise of Masonry, are deceiving and defrauding the public. The refusal on the part of our Lodges, wherever one of these fraudulent bodies is found rearing its venomous head, to occupy the same building with it, will very soon rid us of the scrofulous creatures of an incorporated Orient, and the illegitimate offspring of a bastard Grand Lodge."

The income from the Hall has been materially increased under judicious management. Considerable additions have been made to the Hall and Asylum Fund by bequests from charitably disposed brethren, and others of the same character and of substantial amount will shortly become available. The Trustees have spent large sums in permanent improvements, buildings and maintenance, and they have on hand over \$69,000, besides \$100,000 invested at five per cent. The Asylum at Utica is thus mentioned :

"Those of you, my brethren, who have not visited the Home—or, to speak more correctly, using the corporate name, Asylum—have in store a pleasure and satisfaction of great magnitude. To fully appreciate the grandeur of our undertaking demands a personal inspection, and I say it without the fear of successful contradiction, that nowhere in God's universe is there a retreat for the aged brother, the destitute widow, or the helpless orphan, as beautiful, as comfortable, and as homelike as that of our own at Utica. No man of refinement can visit the Home without being impressed with the magnificence of the great work the Craft in this State has accomplished, and an inward thankfulness that in his day and generation he has been permitted to behold the founding and establishment of an institution, and the assurance of its maintenance for all the years to come, so that in the future it shall be impossible in this State for the aged brother, the widow or orphan, to be denied shelter, food, and raiment. The Home is a grand and imposing structure, splendidly furnished and maintained. Its occupants have commodious and comfortable apartments. Its table is plentifully supplied, not only with the necessaries, but also with many of the luxuries of life. Its discipline is mild and gentle. The rules for its government are neither harsh nor exacting. It is, indeed the ideal application of the Mason's charity. Surrounded by ample grounds, partly under cultivation, it is located at a sufficient altitude to command a charming view. To the east as far as the eye can reach is the valley of the Mohawk; to the north an unobstructed view is obtained, across that valley of the many rural homes that deck the land; to the west, the spires and houses of Utica; to the south, hills clad in verdure and bright with the blossoms of spring. With these surroundings the aged brother and the widow, overtaken by misfortune, can patiently and peacefully await the call of the Messenger, and the orphan child can be educated to a life of usefulness."

The expenditure on the Home to date is given as \$254,-804 86. There are 83 inmates and 21 employees. They have realized the fact that "it is a most unhealthy atmosphere for

the children to be reared in constant daily association with adults who have been so unfortunate in life as the great majority of those for whom we care," and additional buildings are required for the separate care of the different classes. We have observed that other institutions of a similar character have had a like experience. The per capita cost of maintenance is about \$280.

The able and accomplished Historian of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Charles T. McClenachan, presented the following report :

"The historian has the gratification of presenting to the Grand Lodge a bound copy of the fourth volume of the *History of Freemasonry in New York*, which completes the series as to the early history of Freemasonry and that of the Grand Lodge to the present day. The fourth volume, irrespective of its historical narrative and compilation of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, is illustrated with thirty-six engravings, all but one of which are lifelike and excellent portraits of those who are, or have been, officers of the Grand Lodge.

"It has become a matter of consideration as to what further extent, if any, the History shall be carried. Of the three divisions originally contemplated in the work, the first and second have been accomplished, and the third may be omitted or deferred, if the Grand Lodge so decides, with little detriment to the general subject and purpose; as the history of the doings and incidents pertaining to the Grand Body have been brought down to the year 1894; and perhaps the entire subject should rest there.

"The fourth volume, just completed, contains a copious index of the entire set, or four volumes, by consulting which it will be readily discovered that almost every conceivable subject of interest to Masons has come before the Grand Lodge and received consideration; in fact, the four volumes are an encyclopedia of Freemasonry from a New York standpoint.

"It is a matter of gratification that so many foreign Masonic Bodies and authorities have commended the results attained, which they state have been of material service to them.

"The Historian desires to be advised whether the histories of the individual lodges should be entered upon, in accordance with the original plan, with a general list and a brief outline of each lodge, or should be made sufficiently full and complete as to be contained within two volumes. Under whatever circumstances, the Historian will require a rest for the time being."

The report of the committee of Jurisprudence deals with a number of important matters in a skillful manner. The Grand Lodge of Mexico was recognized by the adoption of this report. We copy those parts relating to Mexico, the Mississippi resolutions, the Supreme Council of France, and the clandestine lodge :

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the application of the 'Grand Symbolic Diet of the United States

of Mexico,' for recognition, and exchange of representatives, would respectfully report:

"That at the last Annual Communication we reported that the organization of the 'Grand Symbolic Diet' is similar to that of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland with their Provincial Grand Lodges, and confined to the first three or symbolic degrees, and entirely separate from the higher degree of the A. A. S. Rite, and afforded a happy solution of the difficulties which have surrounded Masonry in that republic, and we should have recommended their recognition then but for the protest of Toltec Lodge, No. 520, located in the City of Mexico, under charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which seemed to your committee demanded further investigation before we could safely pass upon the question of recognition and exchange of representatives. Action was deferred until further information could be obtained as to the character of that grand body and its subordinates. From information in possession of your committee, we are satisfied that this protest of Toltec Lodge, No. 520, at the City of Mexico, was from their desire to retain their charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and being composed in the main of Americans residing in Mexico, desired the prestige of their position as the only Lodge in Mexico with an American charter.

"The charges made by the Master of Toltec Lodge were so fully met by the 'Grand Diet,' that the Grand Lodge of Missouri have revoked *their* charter of Toltec Lodge, No. 520, and the members petitioned for and have received a charter from the 'Grand Dieta Symbolica,' which ends all dispute and leaves the 'Grand Dieta' in undisputed control of Symbolic Masonry in the Republic of Mexico.

"We, therefore, recommend that the 'Grand Symbolic Diet of the United States of Mexico' be duly recognized by this Grand Lodge and welcomed to the circle of Symbolic Grand Lodges.

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the 'Proposed Uniform Rules as to Jurisdiction over Candidates,' adopted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and submitted for the consideration and action of the several Grand Lodges, would respectfully report:

"That while the object sought to be obtained by the adoption of these proposed uniform rules seems to your committee very desirable, yet the rules proposed being in conflict with our present constitution and laws, we can only favorably recommend the reference of the whole subject to the Committee on Revision of our Constitution and Statutes, when appointed.

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence having had referred to them the application of the Supreme Council of France A. and A. Scottish Rite, for recognition by this Grand Lodge and an exchange of representatives, report that we are not prepared to recommend a recognition of and an exchange of representatives with any Supreme Council composed of bodies of other rites than Symbolic Masonry. It is the settled policy of this Grand Lodge to exchange representatives only with *Independent Grand Lodges of Symbolic Masonry*.

"The Supreme Council of France claims to have under her obedience Lodges of Apprentices, Companions, and Masters, all dedicated to the G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U., and having no connection or sympathy with the *Grand Orient of France*, and they desire to extend to Master Masons of our obedience the right of visitation to their Lodges, and ask for their Master Masons the right of visitation to our lodges.

"Owing to the edict of non-intercourse with the atheistic Grand Orient of France and Master Masons of her obedience, our brethren visiting France are deprived of all Masonic association there, as French Masons are when in our Jurisdiction.

"The Supreme Council of France (who claim to be entirely independent of and antagonistic to the atheistic doctrines of the Grand Orient, which are so unanimously condemned by the Grand Lodges throughout the world) do not wish to suffer from the stigma attached to the Grand Orient, and ask to have Master Masons of their own obedience recognized as loyal Masons throughout the world.

"While your Committee are in full sympathy with this latter request, yet we think the matter of too much importance to be passed upon without careful consideration and fuller investigation than can be given at this Annual Communication. And in this connection we unanimously approve the action of the M. W. Grand Master in declining to grant a dispensation to form a so-called '*Traveling Lodge*' in France, for the use of English persons sojourning in that country, who now have no opportunity of visiting French Lodges.

"In view of the importance of these subjects to the position of Masonry in France, your Committee asks that the whole subject be left in the hands of the Committee on Jurisprudence for full investigation, and report to the Grand Lodge at our next annual Communication." * * *

"KAISER FRIEDRICH."

"Your Committee congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the prompt and decisive action of the Grand Master in stamping out this spurious and clandestine organization, and the loyalty displayed by the German Masonic Temple Association in evicting them from their temple, as soon as their true character was ascertained.

"We recommend the adoption of the following resolution, as proposed by the committee on Foreign Correspondence (see their special report, pp. 184-186.)—

Resolved, That the action of the so-called Grand Lodge 'Kaiser Friedrich zur Bundestreue' at Berlin, Prussia, in the establishment and maintenance of the lodges in the city of New York, thereby invading the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, merits the condemnation not only of this but of every American Grand Lodge, and we hereby declare the said lodge so established, and the membership thereof, to be wholly irregular, without Masonic virtue, and that all Masonic intercourse is hereby forbidden with the lodges aforesaid, and with the so-called Grand Lodge 'Kaiser Friedrich zur Bundestreue,' Berlin, Prussia, and its subordinates wheresoever located.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Hungary, at Budapest, with whom the Grand Lodge of New York is in official relation, is hereby notified of the irregular and unmasonic action of the so-called Grand Lodge 'Kaiser Friedrich zur Bundestreue,' Berlin, Prussia, and fraternally requested to withdraw its official relations with the so-called Grand Lodge."

In his review of our Proceedings of 1893, Bro. Jesse B. Anthony says :

"If it is practicable 'that a brother could come to the Grand Lodge armed with or controlling proxies sufficient to insure his own election as D. D. G. M.,' we should consider it time to inaugurate a

radical change. No one should be allowed to act as a proxy for more than one lodge."

Lodges, 730 ; members, 86,214 ; increase, 2,927.

John Hodge, (Lockport), G. M.

E. M. L. Ehlers, (New York), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

107th Communication, Wilmington, January 2, 1894.

John W. Cotten, G. M.

For the first time in 100 years the Grand Lodge held its meeting away from the capital of the State, Raleigh. This was done in order to assist the oldest lodge in the State, St. Johns, No. 1, of Wilmington, in the celebration of their centennial anniversary.

On the state of the Craft, the Grand Master says :

"It is very gratifying to me to be able to say to you that notwithstanding the past year has been one of such unusual financial depression the Craft in this grand jurisdiction has made a very satisfactory progress in every way, but more particularly am I pleased that the Grand Lodge and individual Masons are recognizing that Masonry is a great moral institution, and moral ideas are being inculcated by precept and example, and immorality is being treated as it should be, with indignation and contempt, and consequently a better class of men are applying for the degrees of Masonry, and it is being gradually but surely elevated in the minds of the brethren as well as the profane."

Four new lodges were set in operation.

Their Oxford Orphan Asylum is in a prosperous condition. The children are in good health, comfortably clothed, and seem to be happy. The net gain from the farm was \$765 82 : from the shoe shop, \$551.27, and from the printing office, \$1,419 32. They have 230 inmates. The total receipts were over \$20,000, including \$10,000 from the State Legislature. The expenditure was about the same, but the reports do not show how much was for maintenance. Improvements to the buildings cost \$2,633.

The following report on the jurisdiction of lodges was adopted :

"The undersigned, to whom was referred the matter of jurisdiction, beg leave to report that, in the interest of comity and good fellowship, the following ought to be adopted as a guide to the action of our lodges on the line of sister grand jurisdictions of other states :

"1. That the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is exclusive over all territory in the State of North Carolina, and subject only to the paramount obligation of preserving the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry ; the Grand Lodge of North Carolina possesses sovereign authority over all Masons and lodges within the State of

North Carolina. That limitations of her jurisdiction are conceded in a spirit of comity and fraternity to her sister Grand Lodges, but with a reservation of right at any time to recall the concession.

"2. That any lodge in an adjoining state, working under a charter from a Grand Lodge in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, may entertain the application of a citizen of this state residing by air line to such lodge nearer to such lodge than to any lodge in this state, and may confer the degrees upon such applicants, and may admit them to membership as if such lodge was duly chartered by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and that lodges of sister states of about equal air line distance may have concurrent jurisdiction of material of the State of North Carolina, provided that its own Grand Lodge concedes the same privileges to the Lodges of North Carolina.

"3. That it is recommended that in all cases where an application is made by a citizen of an adjoining state that special inquiry be made of the lodge of the adjoining state having jurisdiction as to the fitness of the applicant to become a Mason, and if there be any local objection to the entertaining of the application."

A proposal to increase the Grand Lodge dues from sixty cents to one dollar for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum was lost.

The Code was altered so as to permit an officer of a lodge to resign his office with the consent of the lodge and the approval of the Grand Master.

Regarding the clothing to be worn at Masonic funerals, the following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That Section 19, Article XVI of the code be amended to read as follows : ' On funeral or burial occasions Masons shall, when practicable, appear clothed in black, with white aprons and gloves, officers with their jewels, and all with black crape upon their left arm above the elbow, or with black rosettes upon the lapels of their coats."

One lodge owns and manages a school. This is the only instance of the kind that we remember to have noticed.

"Holly Springs Lodge, No. 115, owns a school building valued at \$1,500. It has accommodations for 150 pupils. The management consists of a board of five directors, who must be Master Masons, one of whom shall be the Master of the lodge, and he is *ex officio* chairman of the board. All male teachers much be Master Masons in good standing. At present there are four teachers, one male and three female. A low rate of tuition is charged, and any lodge whose members send three pupils may send one free of charge for tuition. The school is for both sexes, and the number now in attendance is one hundred. There is no charge for medical attendance in case of a pupil's sickness."

Bro. John R. Pender reviews the proceedings of 39 grand bodies in an interesting manner. They have no time limit for advancement in North Carolina. As soon as the candidate is

proficient in one degree, be it in a day or a month, he may get the next.

Lodges, 275 ; members, 11,170 ; increase. 154.

1895.

108th Communication, Raleigh, Jan. 8, 1895.

John W. Cotton, G. M.

Masonry continues to move onward and upward and is being better understood and appreciated than ever before. Eight new lodges were formed. The Orphan Asylum is in good condition with 192 inmates.

Mr. B. N. Duke offered to give \$5,000 to the Orphan Asylum, provided the Masons of North Carolina would raise a similar amount for the same purpose. A subscription was started in the Grand Lodge and the \$5,000 was practically secured, one brother contributing \$1,000. The money will be spent in further improvements.

The special committee on fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Cuba could gain no information to justify them in making any report.

The following was adopted :

“Resolved, That section 5 of the funeral services of the code be amended to read as follows: The pall-bearers shall be selected by the officiating Master from among the Masons, but other than Masons may be appointed honorary-pall bearers, but in no case clothed as as Masons.”

Francis M. Hoye, (Wilson), G. M.

John C. Drewry, (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

5th Communication, Valley City, June 12, 1894.

James McDonald, G. M.

In numbers they are small compared with many other jurisdictions ; but in harmony they equal the best and largest. Three new lodges were organized.

The Grand Lecturer visited all the 44 lodges, held 39 schools of instruction, travelled over 2,900 miles and he reports the Craft in a most prosperous condition.

The Grand Lodges of New Zealand, Tasmania and Mexico were recognized, and the chairman of foreign correspondence was appointed a delegate to the Universal Masonic Conference at Antwerp.

A per capita tax of 10 cents per annum was ordered to be levied on the membership for three years for library purposes.

A petition for healing from Joseph H. Pinkerton, who was formerly a member of a lodge of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence. The report of this committee which was adopted, after giving a history of the Ontario movement and the subsequent proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada thereon, concludes as follows :

“The Grand Master of that Grand Lodge still has the right to ‘heal’ the Irregular Masons made under the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

“In Masonic law and parlance there are three classes of Masons. First, a Clandestine Mason. One who stands in the same relation to Masonry as a profane, or one who has never received the symbolic degrees. He cannot be ‘healed.’ Second, an Irregular Mason. That is one who has received the degrees but in an irregular manner, *i. e.*, not in accordance with the Masonic law of the grand jurisdiction in which the degrees were conferred, or of which he is a resident. Such a Mason may be healed. Third, a Regular Mason. That is one who has received the degrees agreeably to the laws and regulations of the grand jurisdiction from which he hails.

“Applying the law to the facts, as found from the records of that Grand Lodge, we find:

FINDINGS OF FACT.

I.

“The the Grand Lodge of Canada has as a matter of fact, declared those made under the authority of Ontario to be Irregular Masons. If it had declared them to be Clandestine Masons, it could not have ‘healed’ them.

II.

“That the Grand Lodge of Canada since 1887 to the present day, excepting the years of 1883-4-5-6-7, through its Grand Master, has ‘healed’ all worthy applicants, who were made under the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

CONCLUSIONS.

I.

“That the Grand Lodge of Canada, by its acts of healing Masons so made, have declared to the Masonic world that such persons are irregular Masons only, and that the status thus given such persons they carry wherever they go.

II.

“That the Grand Lodge of North Dakota has the legitimate right to accept the status so given by the Grand Lodge of Canada to Masons made under the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and to deal with them accordingly.

III.

“That the Grand Lodge of North Dakota has the Masonic right to cause the healing of irregularly made Masons by its Grand Master, or under his authority.

“Therefore your committee recommend that the said Joseph H. Pinkerton, and all other Masons made under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, be healed by the Grand Master, or under

his authority, upon application therefor and satisfactory proof of worthiness, and that he was so made."

We have no possible objection to this action of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, provided that the applicant was of good moral character; but the committee are slightly astray as to the distinction between "clandestine" and "irregular" Masons. A clandestine Mason is one who belongs to a clandestine lodge, a lodge that is not recognized by the proper Masonic authorities or one that has been formed without the sanction of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. An irregular Mason is one who was made in a regular lodge, but in disregard of the constitutional formalities required before admission, such as the lapse of a certain time after application, the reference to a committee on character, the report of that committee, the ballot, etc. Both clandestine and irregular Masons may be "healed." As a matter of fact, all the members under the Grand Lodge of Ontario were clandestine Masons, and many of them have been healed by us.

The Grand Officers were installed in public, the ladies of the Eastern Star being present.

In the appendix are given the following biographical sketches of Bros. Webb and Cross:

"THOMAS SMITH WEBB.

"Thomas Smith Webb was born of English parents in Boston, Mass., Oct. 13, 1771, and died at Cleveland, Ohio, July 6 1819.

"Among Masons no name is more familiar. He originated the ritualistic work used in the United States. He was indebted to Preston and other English ritualists only for the general plan of his work.

"It was regretted by most intelligent Masons that he had not possessed a greater knowledge and understanding of the philosophy and symbolism of Masonry. Yet, believing in the eternal fitness of things, we think, the very lack of this knowledge and understanding brought the science of Masonry nearer to the people among whom he labored so many years in rearing the structure of our institution and made success possible where it would not have been had he endeavored to inculcate philosophic notions and recondite reasoning. He had to deal with people of a new country, whose attention had been turned to the solution of practical life, and they were able to comprehend his simple and concise ritual of the degrees. To Masons he was the Moses who brought their fathers from the darkness to light, and it is left to the later prophets to embellish and adorn our institutions with the profounder significance of philosophic and symbolic truths. He was the man for the Masonic needs of his times, and in that field he was as much a genius as those greatest of earth's illustrious sons, who have made footprints on the heights for us to follow.

"JEREMY L. CROSS.

"Jeremy L. Cross was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire June 27, 1783. Died at the same place in 1861. He moved to New York City,

and in 1831 kept a book store and published a small monthly magazine called 'The Sabbath School Journal.' This was illustrated to some extent, and intended for Sabbath school children and teachers. He possibly published other books at that time.

"In his little store Cross kept for sale Sunday school books. He was the agent for the American Tract Association and the American Bible Society and kept a depository for the sale of bibles and the publications of the Tract Society, together with Masonic books and regalia, stationery and school books.

"Bro. Cross was neat, orderly and exact to carefulness. This was a trait of his character. The store was a quiet one, and decidedly not large, where friends dropped in for a quiet chat. He was not an active man, nor easily provoked. He was plain and practical, a man of good address and kindly manners, rather dignified and yet friendly. He was a little above the medium height, rather stoutly built, careful in his dress and personal appearance.

"Bro. Cross always declared that he received his work and lectures from Webb, Snow, Gleason and others, and that his Hieroglyphical Monitor was, with one exception, perfectly in accordance with their work. His hieroglyphics were not Masonry only so far as they contained the monitorial emblems, of all the rest were of his own conception and classification as a system of mnemonics to aid the memory by pictures or illustrations. After a great deal of labor he completed his monitorial task in 1818. With the exception of the emblems mentioned in the monitor, the pictures are all original, and he always claimed them as his property.

"We take the following, in substance, from an article of Bro. Robert B. Folger, 33°, appearing in Brown's 'Stellar Theology and Masonic Astronomy,' in reference to the origin of the emblem of the Weeping Virgin. Bro. Cross finding the Masonic Monitors of his time deficient in illustrations which would aid the memory, drew the pictures which have been adopted or incorporated into nearly all Masonic charts. In this work he proceeded nicely until he came to the third degree. There he found a deficiency which had to be filled in order to effect his purpose. He finally consulted a brother, formerly Mayor of New Haven, at that time one of his most intimate friends. After working the matter over for weeks they could not hit upon any symbol which would be sufficiently simple, yet answer the purpose. The copperplate engraver, also a brother, who was doing his work, was called in. After many drawings had been made, which proved unsatisfactory, the copperplate printer said: 'Bro. Cross, when great men die, they generally have a monument.' 'That's right,' said Cross, 'I never thought of that,' and he went away. He was found loitering in the burying-ground in a maze. He had surveyed all that was there but did not seem satisfied. At last he got an *idea*, whereupon the council came together again, and he told them that he had the foundation of what he wanted.—That while sojourning in New York City he had seen a monument erected over Captain or Commodore Lawrence, in the southwest corner of Trinity Church yard; that it was a glorious monument to the memory of a great man who fell in battle. There was no place upon the column for the proper inscription so the open book on the broken column was agreed upon. Then arose the question of how to reconcile the monument to the Jewish law, which forbids any dead body to be buried in the Temple, nor even to this day allows any sculptures or figures to be put up as monuments in their cemeteries. The first was obviated

by having the body buried as near the Temple as the Jewish law would permit; leaving the fact of whether it was buried in a Jewish cemetery or not unexplained. The monument referred to consisted only of a broken column. Father Time and the Weeping Virgin are the conceptions of Bro. Cross.

"Bro. Cross regarded his Hieroglyphic Monitor as one of the greatest and most important achievements of his life. He also illustrated the lectures of the Chapter, Council and Knights Templar. He spent many years of his life travelling and teaching his system of lectures to lodges, chapters, councils and encampments, receiving the appointment of Grand Lecturer from many Grand Lodges.

"Bro. Cross never married. In the spring of 1852 he became seriously ill, which resulted in leaving him a wreck. He closed his business, selling everything to Bro. Rolls, who was a partner of A. S. Barnes & Co., book-sellers in John street, New York.

"Bro. Cross received the 33°, A. A. S. Rite Supreme Council, Charleston, in 1824, from his friend 'Old' Thomas Lowmder. In latter years he became involved in the schismatic effort to establish a spurious supreme council of the A. A. S. Rite. He soon, however, withdrew his name from the organization. Bro. Cross did not possess the original genius of Bro. Webb. He possessed little or no scholarly attainments, and contented himself with following the head of other Masonic Ritualists, except in the illustrations we have mentioned. Perhaps it is the misfortune of the Masonic world that he had not possessed this knowledge of the philosophy of our institution or being better versed in the history of classic times. Had he possessed this knowledge, Masons, instead of having illustrations incorrect and historically untrue, would have had a system from which the educated Mason does not turn with dissatisfaction. Yet, had he possessed a classical education and a fuller comprehension of the philosophy of Masonry and its symbolism, he might not have been able to have touched the understanding, in those early days, of those whom he taught. That he possessed that personal magnetism and urbanity requisite to a successful lecturer, that he was a ritualistic second only to Thomas Webb, and that he possessed enthusiasm for his work, must be conceded from the success which followed his efforts as a Masonic teacher and ritualist."

On reading the above, we hastened with it to the residence of an aunt of the writers, whose father was a first cousin of the Commodore Lawrence referred to. Her husband was a member of the Craft, and her grandson is now an officer of Manito Lodge. His interest in Masonry will certainly not be lessened by the connection of his ancestor with one of our most significant emblems.

Bro. Frank J. Thompson has a readable report on correspondence, including a review of our proceedings for 1893. Bro. Thompson must be an old newspaper man, he has such a neat and clever way of putting his points, as witness the following extracts:

From his notice of Illinois:

"Even if Bro. Robbins' name had not been reported as presenting the matter of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, the word 'autonom-

ous' would have given away the authority of the resolution. It is a good word and should be used on all appropriate occasions.

"Bro. Robbins seems to have had it in for some one, for he presents a number of amendments to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge making the electioneering for ones-self for office in grand or subordinate lodges a Masonic offense.

"We do not see why 'ones-self' is not as good as some-one-elses-self. If he had put a taboo upon the whole matter of electioneering for office we would have commended the proposed amendment, but where it is sought to belittle ones self, to deindividualize the individuality of one's *ego*, it is more than our Self can stand. Selfhood should always be considered first, when in that consideration it is hoped that our individuality may be assigned to open its portals and receive the light of wisdom; hence, these remarks."

From his notice of Indiana :

"The addresses of the various Grand Masters may be classified under several generic heads. There is the Grand Master, who is poetically inclined, not only by quoting poetry, but by taking from the wind of imagination the glittering dust of rhetoric to powder his thoughts that they may glisten in the sunshine of imagery. These may be termed the *poetic*. Another launches off into history, taking Adam by the forelock and the youngest entered apprentice by his cable-tow, and astraddle, like a Colossus of Rhodes, over the garden of Eden, one foot on each pole. The material things sail between his legs like the Liliputian ships of the fabled brownies, while the spiritual circle around his head like the weary dove which Noah sent out to investigate the lay of the land in the neighborhood of the ark. These may be termed the *histrionic*. Another class of Grand Masters reach down into the bowels of mother earth, and grasp a mass of molten lava and thrust in scintillating effulgence to the furthestmost star that shines in the zenith. This causes an atmospheric disturbance, and gentle showers descend which clothe the earth in verdure and cause the flowers to unfold their petals to the sun. Leaves came shyly forth and grasses nod to the passing breeze. Birds sing upon the boughs and bull-fogs croak within the ponds. Lambs move their uncut tail and calves bleat upon the lea. This class may be termed *addresses of nature*. Then another kind, where words flow like babbling brooks or sighing winds through the cracks and crannies and crevices of old homesteads, and to the one within the confusion begets the thought that a storm is near at hand. But when he emerges into the open air he finds it but the gentle breeze blowing from that particular direction which creates noise without power. Such addresses may be classed *atmospheric*. Then another class, where poesy is covered with a pall, and imagery with a strip of burlap. Imagination is totally ignored. Such may be classed as *commercial*; for in the business life such sentiments do not prevail. Facts—cold, hard facts—are considered only. Such an address has the Most Worshipful Grand Master of that Grand Lodge given us. All are good in their places, and all are good of their kind. The individual taste of the reader or the listener is that which dictates his preference."

From his notice of Manitoba:

"The modern Masonic lodge was conceived in conviviality and

sociality, the notions of solemn lodge room decorum are of a latter growth and an outbreak of Puritanic ideas.

"The true secret of lodge attendance is a reasonable freedom in lodge gatherings, a casting aside of stilted and unnecessary decorum, and a recognition, to a reasonable extent, of the habits and proclivities of the individuals which constitute the lodge.

"The lodge room is no more sacred than a man's home, and surely we would not ask a number of our brothers to our home and cause them to sit bolt upright in a chair for two or three hours with not even a cuspidor near them wherein they might ejaculate the result of the tobacco habit, and condemn them to a silence so long that they do not know whether they have lost their faculty of speech or not. We would not expect them to sit there looking solemn, breathing in abated breath and looking as bored as one does when a creditor presents his bill and we have no money to pay it.

"Do not let a few old cranks on lodge room decorum run the mill. It is better for a lodge that they stay at home than to keep a larger number away from the lodge who are more in touch with humanity.

"We attend lodge neither to worship the Deity nor look dyspeptic; but to limber our social sentiments and loosen the instructive tongue. Another thing should be borne in mind, that is, to interest the members. Candidates are always interested. We would have better lodges and larger attendance if we would get nearer to the first principles of lodge gatherings in former times."

From his notice of Minnesota :

"The days of the 'perfect youth' theory are fast passing away. The extent to which some Grand Lodges have carried that idea is absurd in the extreme, even were the conditions the same as they were in 'ye olden times.' Even in the days when the apprentice were expected to bear arms for his master, certain maims and defects in his physique would not incapacitate him for fighting for his lord. While North Dakota was a part of the Masonic jurisdiction of the territory of Dakota, this Grand Lodge labored under that delusion for some time; but when the Grand Lodge of North Dakota sprung into being, this remnant of civilized barbarism was relegated to obscurity, as well as the perpetual jurisdiction theory over rejected candidates when they moved beyond the confines of our grand jurisdiction. South Dakota has now followed suit."

Lodges, 44; members, 2,172; increase, 180.

George L. McGregor, (Jamestown), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson, (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

29th Communication, New Glasgow, June 13, 1894.

Duncan C. Fraser, G. M.

Their Masonic fair realized over \$5,000, and their debt on Freemasons' Hall was reduced to \$15,000.

The progress in some lodges is very marked, but some other lodges show faint signs of animation.

" MASONIC RELICS.

"The M. W. the Grand Master presented to Grand Lodge a Master Mason's apron of great antiquity. The Grand Secretary was directed to convey to Bro. D. P. Allison, Windsor, the thanks of Grand Lodge for such a highly prized gift.

"R. W. Bro. John Bower, on behalf of Bro. William Firth, Albert Lodge, No. 30, Shelburne, presented to Grand Lodge two Masonic charts, each bearing the following inscription: 'This chart was brought to Shelburne by the Loyalists in 1783, and used by Hiram Lodge, No. 10. Established in 1785.'

"The Grand Secretary was directed to convey to Bro. Firth the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his most valuable and interesting present."

Canada for 1893 received due mention.

Lodges, 63; members, 3,223; increase, 147.

William F. MacCoy, (Halifax), G. M.

William Ross, (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

85th Communication, Columbus, Oct. 24, 1894.

Allen Andrews, G. M.

He again protests vigorously against the iniquitous doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction.

"The subject under discussion relates to the universality of Masonry, and should be governed by a broad policy of uniform operation, and should not be controlled by local, diverse, and sometimes retaliatory regulations. As there is no world-wide central authority in our fraternity, uniformity in this respect can only be obtained by the different Grand Lodges all accepting or all rejecting this doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction. The latter course seems to be the most feasible, since the doctrine never did prevail in, or has been abandoned by a majority of, the Grand Lodges. It is also the best, for it is consonant with philosophy, philanthropy and human nature, and recognizes in man the possibility of growth, improvement and reformation; while the opposite principle runs counter to the spirit of progress, and the genius of Masonry; for it enables a single member of a lodge, be he ever so unwise or unjust, under the temporary heat of a petty personal grievance, either real or imaginary, or under a mistaken belief based on idle gossip or untrue information, not only to close the door of his own lodge, but to compel the candidate to wear the brand of Cain throughout life, no matter how long he may live, where he may go, nor how pure and noble his life may be, or thereafter become.

"If the candidate moves to another place, and applies to another lodge, he can not proceed without the consent of the lodge which once rejected him. In the meantime he has grown out of the knowledge and remembrance of the members of this lodge; they only know he was once rejected; they do not know how many opposed him, or why. They therefore conclude that their Masonic fathers of the lodge had good reason for their action, and refuse consent. The only wise, just, and philanthropic rule is to let every state and

every lodge judge for itself of the fitness or unfitness for Masonry of those who have resided within its territory for a sufficient time to enable their merits or demerits to be known. Indeed, no other rule can be fairly, uniformly, and satisfactorily enforced, or enforced at all against the lodges of another state. I think our rule should be changed. I made substantially the same recommendation last year, but no action was taken."

During the year 387 lodges were examined and instructed by the district lecturers, and the consequence was a great revival of interest in Masonry, and renewed efforts to attain a higher standard.

Two new lodges were formed. For the first time in many years all the lodges had made their returns and paid their dues. This gratifying result was due, after a great deal of correspondence, to the persistence of the Grand Secretary.

The following report was adopted :

"PERPETUAL JURISDICTION.—The committee has considered that portion of the Grand Master's address which refers to and discusses the subject of perpetual jurisdiction, and sees no escape from the consequences pointed out, leading necessarily to the action adopted by the Grand Master. As a way of escape from such consequences, your committee hails with pleasure the rules formulated, and brought forward on that subject by the Committee on Codifications, and congratulates the Grand Lodge on the advance thus made toward the correction of a doctrine which has for years tended, in our internal administration, to differences rather than harmony in our relations with the sister grand jurisdictions of America, and has frequently exposed us to criticisms, which though fraternal, have not been pleasant reading to the Masons of Ohio. The committee recommends the approval of the action of the Grand Master as a necessary following of the rules heretofore pertaining under our regulations, and expresses the hope that under the modified rules now reported to and approved by the Grand Lodge we shall be relieved from further friction from this source."

Canada for 1894 is well noticed by Bro. W. M. Cunningham. In his review of Illinois he has the following interesting remarks on the origin of the Craft :

"In the opinion of your committee the symbology of Freemasonry absolutely requires the 'operative' as its symbolic foundation ; hence the relations of operative and speculative Freemasonry are in that connection inseparable, and any views to the contrary would seem to be untenable.

"The practical character of operative Masonry, and the symbolism of its material, working tools, and its work, are so necessary in their significance to the superstructure of speculative Masonry that, without both, there could be no Freemasonry. Neither is it quite clear to the writer that Bros. Gould and Pike really hold the views in that connection attributed to them by our eloquent brother. R. W. Bro. Gould, can, however, speak for himself ; but it would seem proper to state that, although our late Illustrious Bro. Albert Pike believed that the present system of degrees in Freemasonry originated within the last two hundred years, a theory which, in so far as

it relates *at least* to the first three degrees, it is believed has been, within the past few years, demonstrated to have been erroneous, by the many recent discoveries in Masonic history in that connection; but, however that may have been, our distinguished brother was not only very pronounced in his belief that Freemasonry is of greater antiquity than other orders, but he also held that the very name, or word, 'Freemason,' is in itself symbolic, and that it is an *ancient* symbol, founded upon the Hebrew word 'Amunim,' which he says signifies 'both Masons and faithful.' In the same connection he also refers to the fact that the old English statutes recognize 'a particular class of Masons,' called 'Freemasons,' who had 'a separate charter or guild;' but further than this, our eminent and learned brother was also firm in his belief that in the degrees of Freemasonry are embodied 'the most sacred and significant symbols of a very remote antiquity, *used many centuries* before the temple of the king, Solomon, was built,' 'And that these symbols were used by those who understood them to 'conceal from the profane' 'the most recondite and mysterious doctrines in regard to God, the universe and man,' and that 'those *who* framed the degrees,' adopted and used these symbols 'as expressions of the same sacred and holy doctrine,' and that their interpretation of them was 'quite otherwise *than they are now interpreted* in our lodges,'* and in the same connection he holds that the 'profound religious truths and doctrines,' taught by its symbols, 'in reality are Freemasonry.' Further, that, after 'many years' of patient study and reflection,' it was his conviction that all true Masonic symbols 'concur' in teaching the 'fundamental principles of religious philosophy,' and symbolically, represent, or signify in their expression, 'certain profound ideas as to the existence, manifestations, and action of the Deity, the harmony of the universe, the creative word and divine wisdom, and the unity of the Divine and human, the spiritual, intellectual, and material in man and nature,' etc."

Lodges, 492 ; members, 38,851 ; increase, 728.

Carroll F. Clapp, (Warren), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell, (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA.

2nd Communication, Guthrie, Feb. 13, 1894.

August J. Spengel, G. M.

The financial panic passed harmlessly by this new territory and Masonry is flourishing. Five new lodges were formed and three others are on the way. All the lodges were visited and full instructed.

The Grand Master does not approve of the system of grand representatives, and he therefore refrained from inaugurating it in this jurisdiction. His action was sustained by the Grand Lodges.

As to the lodges in the Cherokee strip, he says :

"On the 16th of last September, as you are all aware, the Cherokee strip, with its eight million acres of land, was thrown open to

settlement. In one day there was thus added to the population of our territory over one hundred thousand souls. Towns and cities sprang into existence like magic, and, in short, the original opening of Oklahoma was duplicated. With these new citizens came many Masons, and in every new town active measures were at once taken to start Masonic lodges. As I have already reported, four of these towns have organized lodges, but to Perry only has there been a dispensation issued; the other three, namely, Enid, Ponca City and Pawnee sending in their petitions too late for action being taken before the meeting of the Grand Lodge. As you will recognize, all of these towns are already of good size and importance and they all can and will support good, strong, vigorous lodges.

"Under our Constitution a lodge must work four months U. D. before being chartered, and hence, under this law, all of these lodges would be compelled to work U. D. for an entire year and, under Masonic law, unable to affiliate Masons. These new brethren all feel that the enforcement of this law would be a detriment and serious drawback to the success of their lodges, and are therefore represented at this meeting to ask for charters.

"The conditions confronting us are anomalous, and, under the circumstances, believing that it will redound to the benefit of the Craft, I feel justified in urging a compliance with their requests, and that charters be issued to them now."

And they all received charters.

The grand officers were installed in public.

The Grand Secretary has a good report on correspondence.

Lodges, 16; members, 638; increase, 213.

Selwyn Douglas, (Oklahoma), G. M.

James S. Hunt, (Stillwater), G. S.

OREGON.

44th Communication, Portland, July 11, 1894.

J. C. Moreland, G. M.

On the state of the Craft, he says:

"The year that has passed has been fraught with much trial and hardship. The financial depression which has swept over the land has not passed us by. It has been felt in our state with great severity. Property of all kinds has shrunk in value most alarmingly. Debtors have been unable to meet their obligations. Laborers have been trown out of employment. Trade has been at a standstill. The merchant seeks his customer in vain. All products of the farm have brought very low prices; and the husbandman's toil, however severe and exacting, has met with small, if any, reward. Public and private charity has been taxed to its utmost limit to prevent suffering—and, in many cases, we fear, the gaunt spectre of hunger and want has entered homes where plenty has heretofore prevailed.

"Yet, through all these dark clouds there has appeared a silver lining. The appeals for help have awakened a feeling of liberality and men have opened their hearts to the cry of distress, and sweet charity has poured out her richest blessings. 'A fellow-feeling make the whole world kin.' Men will be brought nearer to each other. The

rich and poor will be brought to know and understand each other better. And yet there is still much need that the lessons of Masonry should be taught and exemplified in the world. That men should more thoroughly learn the great central truths of equality and fraternity and brotherly love, relief and truth. We should all remember that no man liveth to himself alone; that we are all dependent one upon the other; that the great object in life is to be serviceable to our fellowman. And, we fondly hope, that these lessons will be so learned that out of these troublous times there will grow up a better feeling; that, when the golden sun of prosperity shall again shine, as we surely believe it will, the world will be the better for the lessons we have learned in these trying times.

"Notwithstanding the hard times the Craft is in a fairly prosperous condition. Substantial gains have been made. Peace and harmony prevail; and generally throughout the jurisdiction a good feeling exists amongst the brethren. There exists some friction, which, if the brethren would study more closely the lessons of charity and brotherly love inculcated and taught in our ritual, and recall the obligations they have assumed toward each other, would speedily disappear. There are very few of these differences where the right is entirely on one side. We ought to be always careful of the rights of others; and never insist that our opinion is the only right one; but always give to our brethren the same credit for integrity, honesty of purpose which we claim for ourselves. In short, live and act upon the principles of the golden rule. If we shall all adopt this rule, and live up to it, friction in lodges will soon become a thing of the past. Try it, my brethren, and the reward is sure."

He reports two new lodges and the following decisions, among others, all of which were approved by the Grand Lodge:

"Q. Can a lodge hold meetings in a room used by other bodies or organizations?"

"A. There is no law prohibiting such action, and it is, probably, sometimes necessary; but it ought to be discouraged and not done when possible to avoid it.

"Q. Can a Master Mason who has never sat in a lodge with a brother vouch for him?"

"A. Any brother who has received legal Masonic information that another brother is a Master Mason in good standing may vouch for him, even though he has never sat in lodge with him.

"Q. Can a brother file an objection against a Master Mason in good standing with the W. M. of his lodge, and prevent the brother M. M. from visiting his (the objector's) lodge for an indefinite length of time, or for that meeting only?"

"A. Such objection is good only for the meeting at which it is made—at which the objector must be present. * * *

"Q. Can a Fellow Craft who loses his right arm after receiving the degree be made a Master Mason?"

"A. No.

"Q. Is the word of a Master Mason in good standing sufficient to prove him to have been a Warden in another jurisdiction?"

"A. Yes.

"Q. Is a Warden from another jurisdiction entitled to the privileges of such officer here?"

"A. Yes.

Bro. Moreland furnishes some additional arguments against the allowance of an unsupported objection to the advancement of a candidate, a subject upon which we have been writing for some years and taking the same ground :

“ Ever since the decision of this Grand Lodge went forth that any Mason in good standing might object to the further advancement of an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, by secret objection to the Master, it has been productive of trouble in the lodges. There are very few lodges in the State who have not had candidates stopped by this process; and none who have had the candidates thus stopped, have escaped the friction that it brings.

“ The Grand Lodge has established the rule that one ballot if clear, shall entitle the candidate to the three degrees. He is required to be carefully investigated as to his character, a favorable report made, and to have the ‘ unanimous consent of all the members ’ of the jurisdiction present ‘ at that meeting ’ by passing a clear ballot.

“ He is then admitted to our lodge, kneels at our altar, takes obligations, is instructed in the ceremonies, advances between the pillars, is received in the middle chamber, receives the wages, obligates himself to ‘ help, aid and assist. ’ He is bound to us by a two-fold cord. Is there no corresponding obligation on our part towards him? Is he still a profane, or to be treated entirely as a profane? It seems to me to do so is contrary to every principle of common justice and right.

“ At the last Communication this Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, asserting that a resolution requiring all objections to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft should be in writing, and charge a Masonic offense and giving the accused a trial, would be subversive of Regulation 6 of the General Regulations of Freemasonry. With the highest regard for the wisdom and true Masonic spirit of our brethren comprising the committee, I cannot but think this report is based upon an erroneous construction of this regulation.

“ This regulation so far as it refers to this question reads as follows :

“ But no man can be entered a brother in any particular lodge, or admitted a member thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of that lodge then present when the candidate is proposed.

“ This regulation was adopted in 1721. At this time all the business of the lodge was transacted in the Entered Apprentice degree. In fact, only this degree was conferred in any particular lodge—the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason being conferred in the Grand Lodge—unless by dispensation from the Grand Master. There was no such thing thought of at that time as an objection being made to the conferring of the other degrees.

“ It seems to me that this action of our Grand Lodge is not in accord with our Sister Grand Lodges, is unjust to the candidate as well as to the lodge, is arbitrary and intolerant.

“ No one can go further than I in upholding the ancient landmarks. This is deemed essential to the preservation of our institution. But justice is one of our cardinal virtues, and to continue our present resolutions upon this subject is so unjust that, it seems to me, they ought to be repealed.

"I would therefore recommend that our Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence re-examine this question carefully, and, if their former report is erroneous, say so. A Grand Lodge ought to be consistent, and to have a pride of opinion—in *being right*."

On this subject, the Committee on Jurisprudence reported a re-affirmance of all former rulings, and their report was adopted, thus perpetuating an injustice.

The Mississippi resolutions as to jurisdiction over rejected candidates were considered and an adverse report thereon from the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted.

Lodges, 99 ; members, 4,695 ; increase, 144.

Philip S. Malcolm, (Portland), G. M.

S. F. Chadwick, (Salem), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1894.

Michael Arnold, G. M.

The work done by the lodges has been largely increased. Two new lodges were formed. The debt has been decreased to \$522,204 19. Their new Grand Lodge certificates are thus described :

"New Grand Lodge certificates were engraved and issued for the first time this year.

"The following explanation of the designs on it was furnished by Bro. John Sartain, who designed and executed the certificate.

"*First.* The essential idea in the design is the Alpha and Omega of columnial architecture, the Egyptian dating from prehistoric times, and the perfection of Greek and Corinthian of about 330 B.C.

"*Second.* The Egyptian column on the left is surmounted by the Masonic emblems—lilies, pomegranates, netting, and the terrestrial globe, balanced on the right hand side over the Corinthian column by the arms of the State of Pennsylvania.

"*Third.* The bands encircling the Egyptian column under its capital are five in number, having reference to the five points of fellowship. The base blocks supporting the column have on them sculptured representations of all the Masonic working tools,—plumb, level, square, compasses, twenty-four-inch gauge, trowel, and mallet.

"*Fourth.* The winged angel over all, holding the olive-branch of peace, proclaims the greater glory of the Supreme Architect of the universe.

"*Fifth.* The five buildings arranged across the base, are those owned and occupied by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from 1809 to the present time."

Bro. Arnold does not appreciate the advent of the fair sex into our exclusive domain, and he thus discourses about "Women in Masonry : "

"This subject is causing a temporary unrest in the fraternity. An organization called the Order of the Eastern Star has been sending circulars to lodges in this jurisdiction, calling attention to its objects,

and offering the necessary charter and other paraphernalia for organizing chapters, which, it is said, very generally hold their meetings in Masonic apartments.

"As the Masonic fraternity, in its origin and essential characteristics, is altogether a man's society, I call attention to this insidious attempt to make it like the innumerable other societies and orders of the day. A fraternity, as the word means, is a society of brethren, and brethren are, or at least should be, men. Hence, it is impossible to admit women into association with them in a lodge room.

"Masonry is such a unique and peculiar institution that it has always kept aloof from any of the so-called progressive movements of the day; not that as men we have no sympathy with them, or object to them, but because as Masons our society has always kept itself within the qualifications originally laid down for its membership, one of the most important of which is, that the applicant for Freemasonry must be a man. This law against the comingling of the sexes cannot be evaded by any device whatever. Lodge celebrations, under the name and guise of lodge associations, are under the ban of the Masonic law.

"The great advantages which have been derived from this important qualification of a Freemason admonish us that, if we would continue to be respected in the future as we have been in the past, we must not make any innovation by which it may be changed.

"Notwithstanding the jests one may hear at social gatherings concerning persons who are not Masons being at the lodge, when they were at some other place which they wish to conceal, it is a gratification to Freemasons to know that no scandals arising out of the comingling of the sexes can be said to have their origin in the lodge room.

"I know that it is quite fashionable for associations calling themselves Masonic to hold mixed gatherings of the sexes, and I verily believe that the appetites created there have caused this inordinate desire to carry the connection further, so as to bring men and women together in the lodge room. If it be progressive to do this, let those who like such progress advocate it; but I do not believe the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will ever give its approval to the use of its lodge-rooms for any kind of gatherings except that of the brethren of the lodge and for lodge purposes only. And I firmly believe that where this new idea has been permitted to obtain a foothold, it will either go on to the destruction of the fraternity, or its abandonment and a return by the fraternity to the ancient and simple practices established in the beginning.

"The new practice of public installations of officers in other jurisdictions has fed this appetite for the union of the sexes in the lodge room. It pleases the vanity of the persons who thus exhibit themselves, as they compete with the strolling players of the mimic stage."

The Grand Master calls attention to the fact that there are some clandestine lodges in the State claiming to work under a warrant from a Grand Orient of Spain.

In his elaborate and extensive report of correspondence, Bro. Richard Vaux gives our Proceedings of 1894 a good notice.

Lodges, 418 ; members, 47,396 ; increase, 1,459.

Matthias H. Henderson, (Philadelphia), G. M.

Michael Nisbet, (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

19th Communication, Charlottetown, June 25, 1894.

Thomas A. McLean, G. M.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address, business-like, and at the same time, thoroughly Masonic in tone. He decided that the territorial jurisdiction of a lodge was to be ascertained by computing the distance by the nearest public road travelled between lodges ; also that a brother could not guarantee the amount of fees that should accompany a petition.

An emergent meeting was called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a new Methodist Church.

The Grand Master visited most of the lodges and found them in a prosperous condition. He gives the following counsel in regard to the work :

“And now, brethren, as this Grand Lodge will probably deal with the question of Ritual at this session, I would urge you to bear in mind that, before perfect harmony can exist throughout the jurisdiction, a similarity of work must prevail.

“I am strongly in favor of one work, and that strictly adhered to.

“The work in the country lodges, as I have observed it, seems to be more uniform than in the city, where innovations are often made.”

The Grand Lecturer visited half of the lodges. He thinks that there should be a uniform burial service throughout the jurisdiction.

A resolution passed in 1892 providing that Masonic funerals could not be conducted without the pall-bearers appearing as Masons and directed by the lodge, was repealed. The immediate cause of this backward movement appears to have been the death of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, Bro J. S. Carvell. The family arrangements for the funeral brought in others than Masons as pall-bearers, and the Grand Master issued a dispensation for a Masonic funeral, so as to get over the difficulty caused by the resolution of 1892. We are not in favor of making or altering laws to suit individual cases, and a wholesome rule should not be altered to suit the convenience of any individual. Masonic funerals should be strictly Masonic, no matter what the worldly rank of the departed brother may have been.

Nothing was done as to securing uniformity in the work, but next year the three degrees are to be exemplified as they are now generally worked.

Lodges, 12 ; members, 497 ; increase, 8.
Thomas A. McLean, (Charlottetown), G. M.
B. Wilson Higgs, (Charlottetown), G. S.

QUEBEC.

25th Communication, Montreal, Jan. 30, 1895.

John P. Noyes, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is able and interesting. He has proved himself to be a most efficient officer, and the Craft in Quebec is to be congratulated on his successful administration of their affairs. Under the heading of Foreign Relations we find the following paragraphs :

"About a year ago an alleged Masonic Lodge was started by a few foreigners in this city, claiming to have a warrant from some grand body in Spain. Its adherents were said to be engaged in hawking and peddling through the country. No satisfaction was had from correspondence with the G. L. of Spain, and to prevent deception as to their fraternal standing a proclamation was issued declaring the bogus lodge clandestine and illegal and forbidding intercourse with the members. That proclamation, as well as other information in connection with the matter, will appear in the report of the M. W. the Grand Secretary.

"As to the state of affairs between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England, due to the continuance of the three English lodges in this city, it may be characterized as harmony on sufferance. I have received no communication from the distinguished brother, who, at his own suggestion, was named mediator, as to the progress made. I hesitate to express an open opinion at this time, as to the vigor necessary to prosecute mediation in such cases. It is now about six years since it began, and 'no result' has been the annual announcement at each subsequent Communication. The position is serenely peaceful, but scarcely dignified or consistent with self-respect. An eminent Masonic authority in the United States quite recently wrote: 'Grand Lodge sovereignty cannot be recognized if there is rebellion in its jurisdiction against it, for then the Grand Lodge lacks the chief element of its character, supremacy.' That appears to be the established rule, on this continent at least. It is for Grand Lodge to decide as to action in this important matter."

The new Masonic Temple in Montreal is nearly completed. The corner-stone was laid by the Grand Master in October, in the presence of one of the largest gatherings of Freemasons ever held in the Province. No other event has caused so much gratification to the Craft.

On the state of Masonry at home the Grand Master says :

"Despite uneasiness in business affairs, and the activity of other organizations, whose strength must largely come from the same source as ours, our prosperity has received no check but, on the contrary, an advance in many ways will be shown by the reports of the different Grand Lodge officers. With one exception, peace and harmony has prevailed, and there are many hopeful indications of

awakened interest in Masonry, from which good results may be expected. I attribute much of this to that visible evidence of Craft progress—the erection of the Masonic Temple in this city. It has aroused the interest of the fraternity, attracted the sympathetic attention of intelligent men outside the fraternity, and shown to the world that, circumscribed in so many ways as the Craft in this Province is, it is nevertheless a live organization, and possesses exceptional claims for favorable consideration.

“The promise of increased prosperity in the near future exacts from the Craft a large measure of caution. The popularity of a fraternal society may easily become a source of danger. It may be the means of bringing about discord and trouble to its detriment. The essential factor in any society is the character of its adherents, hence fraternal ambitions for increased membership should be subordinate to the wise and time-honored rules of the Craft. It cannot be too often repeated that ‘the chief safe-guard and protection of the order is in the ballot box,’ nor that the fraternal franchise should be seriously exercised, under the consciousness that it may have serious and far-reaching effects. The tiled limits of the lodge room should be carefully guarded against the unworthy, and that brother who rightfully uses the adverse ballot, in cases of doubt, is rather to be commended than vilified.”

In the report of the Grand Secretary, we find the following note as to his visit to Ontario :

“In the month of July last I had the honor and pleasure of visiting that Grand Lodge at its meeting in Hamilton. My reception there was a most flattering one. The members of Grand Lodge will, I am sure, be much gratified to hear that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, speaking on behalf of its members, took the opportunity of my presence to express towards the Grand Lodge of Quebec the kindest feelings, and the hope that nothing would ever disturb the good-will now existing between the two grand bodies.

“The meeting was very largely attended, and I could not fail but to remark the order, decorum and unanimity of feeling which prevailed during the whole of the meeting.”

The Wisconsin relief proposition was not concurred in, and a report adverse to the adoption of the rules as to jurisdiction proposed by Mississippi was also adopted.

A special committee was appointed to revise the constitution

A special report of the committee on correspondence was adopted as under :

“Your Committee upon Foreign Relations and Correspondence, to which was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, having reference to the existing relations between this Grand Lodge and sister grand bodies, begs respectfully to report that Grand Lodge has undoubtedly learned with the greatest satisfaction of the generally satisfactory and pleasant nature of such relations, and also of the very gratifying and efficient manner in which the Grand Lodge was represented at the late Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada and Vermont.

"SPANISH INVASION."

"That in regard to the invasion of our jurisdiction, under the authority of a pretended grand Masonic body in Spain, your committee finds by the examination of a certificate issued by the so-called Spanish lodge in the city of Montreal, (which was obtained for your chairman by our M. W. Grand Secretary), that such certificate purports to be signed by the grand officer of the so-called Sovereign Grand Symbolic Lodge of Spain, at Madrid and is issued in blank to the pretended lodge in Montreal. That seeing the failure of the efforts made by our M. W. Bro. Grand Secretary to elicit any information in regard to this invasion, or any reply to his inquiries from our representative near the grand body in Spain, recognized by this Grand Lodge in 1883 upon report of the committee upon the state of Masonry, it is impossible with the means of information upon the subject at present at its disposal for your committee to establish that the grand body which has authorized an invasion of our territory is not that which upon the other hand claims fraternal relationship with us.

"Your committee would respectfully recommend that in the present confusion of rites and orients making rival claims to sovereign jurisdiction in Masonic matters in Spain, in view of the invasion of our territory by one of these pretended grand bodies, as well as because of the unsuccessful attempts of our M. W. Grand Secretary to obtain any information bearing upon the matter from the Spanish grand body, which claims fraternal relations with us, this Grand Lodge do now sever and cancel its former recognition of the so-called Grand Symbolic Lodge of Spain.

"And your committee would further recommend that it be resolved that this Grand Lodge do heartily approve of the proclamation issued by the M. W. Grand Master, declaring clandestine and illegal the bogus Spanish lodge in this city, and forbidding Masonic intercourse with it or with any of its members.

"THE ENGLISH LODGES IN MONTREAL."

"Your committee regrets that no Communication of any kind has been received by the M. W. the Grand Master from the M. W. Brother, who at his own suggestion was named mediator in the matter at issue between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England, due to the continuance of the three English lodges in this city. As stated by the Grand Master, 'the position is serenely peaceful, but scarcely dignified or consistent with self-respect.' Still your committee hesitates, at this time to recommend any further action, trusting that time, the great healer may bring about a settlement worthy of the dignity and self-respect of the two sovereign grand bodies interested."

A notice of motion was given to change the title of the Grand Lodge, so that it will read "The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Quebec."

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented another of his very excellent reports on correspondence. Canada for 1894 has kindly mention. In his introduction, he says:

'At last the secret is out. No more will an enlightened public be imposed upon by the St John's day orators who tell of the foundation of Masonry, in the days 'when the morning stars sang together.'

No more may we repeat the story of King Solomon's connection with our Ancient Order. The secret of Freemasonry's origin is no more. It has been given to the entire world. Its deliverance to publicity is directly traceable to that engine of modern enlightenment and civilization—the printing press. This special printing press is not of a thousand horse power it is true, but it is located in the enterprising town of Point Levis near Quebec, and it has thrust upon an unsuspecting public the startling declaration that 'The founders of Masonry was Luther, Calvin, Voltaire, Rousseau, Jansen and Ferry.' Nor is this all. The newspaper in question tells its readers that 'Mgr. Meurin calls Freemasonry: the Synagogue of Satan,' and adds 'A secret organization direct: It is the Grand Orient of France, affiliated to the Palladium of Rome, the whole under the control of a Supreme Chief who is called 'The Sovereign Pontiff and Vicar of Lucifer upon earth.'

"We are well aware of the fact that there is nothing very novel or startling in these declarations for those of our brethren who are accustomed to the utterances of the French Canadian press; but the above extracts may not prove uninteresting to readers beyond the limits of Quebec, who may not be aware of the peculiar circumstances that surround and war against Freemasonry's progress within the jurisdiction of our own Grand Lodge."

Lodges, 58; members, 3432; increase, 119.

Frederick Massey, (Montreal), G. M.

John H. Isaacson, (Montreal), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

104th Communication, Providence, May 21, 1894.

Elisha H. Rhodes, G. M.

Prosperity has attended the lodges. On the ritualistic work and official visits the Grand Master says:

"Under M. W. Grand Master Stillman White's administration a committee was appointed to revise the esoteric work of the three degrees of symbolic Masonry, and to make such changes as would harmonize the language of the three degrees and correct the grammatical construction of certain sentences and expressions which had become ungrammatical by having been frequently changed during years and generations of service. The committee performed their difficult task in a very thorough and conscientious manner and are entitled to the grateful approval of Grand Lodge. After a careful examination of the work as revised, I approved the same and the ritual is now in use in the lodges of this jurisdiction.

"While the work cannot be claimed to be perfect, yet in my opinion it is an improvement upon the language of former days, and I doubt not will commend itself to the brethren as they become more familiar with it.

"During this last year I have visited every Lodge in this jurisdiction and several of them more than once. The whole number of visits made is fifty-three.

"These visits were of exceeding interest to me, and I trust profit to the Craft. I found the work in most of the lodges to conform to the revised ritual and in many instances performed in a very im-

pressive and solemn manner. For a lack of time a few of the lodge officers have not yet committed the revised work, but these officers are earnest in their efforts to memorize the unwritten ritual and I have no doubt but in a short time the work will be uniform through our State."

The application for recognition of the Grand Dieta of Mexico was refused.

Prior to 1877, in this jurisdiction, the ordinary business of the lodge was transacted when the lodge was open in the first degree. A committee was appointed to consider whether, under the revised ritual, it was permissible to revert to the old practice in that particular.

The Eulogy on Masonry, delivered by Bro. George A. Littlefield at the corner stone ceremonies at East Greenwich, is one of the best we have seen and it is worth preservation :

"Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren :

" 'Mont Blanc is the monarch of mountains,
They crowned him king long ago ;
On a throne of rock, in a robe of clouds,
With a diadem of snow.'

"Venerable antiquity, solid substance, exalted purpose and snow-white purity are typified in these lines. Freemasonry in its ideal state possesses all these and much more. It originated as did classic history out of a mythology all its own, and upon its unseen foundations it has arisen slowly like a coral island, or like civil and religious liberty, never revealing its great beginnings. It is believed to be the oldest continuing human system known to the science of sociology. Nations and creeds have risen and fallen in its time, but Freemasonry has gone on forever, in substance the same as in King Solomon's reign. The vital strength of the Order consists not in the power of the sword, but in the beneficent influences of its fundamental principles of virtue, charity and fraternity.

"The brethren of King Solomon's Lodge are to be congratulated upon the grand home they are to have here, in the heart of this historic town, so appointed also to business uses as to show the close relation of Masonry to practical affairs. It is fitting in this commonwealth where venerable things are so esteemed, that the corner stone of this temple should be set, with ceremonies not unlike those at the laying of the corner stone of King Solomon's temple, by the ancient order of Freemasons whose peculiar function it has been in all ages to set corner-stones and key-stones and cap-stones of churches and state houses, memorials and monuments. The term 'Freemason' suggests brick, mortar, stone, and all the substantial building materials. It seems to glorify the gospel of work and to pay tribute to all the liberal arts and sciences as they accord in 'the frozen music of architecture.' This granite corner as it swings with our prayers into position cannot fail to remind each one of us of our duty to set the corner stone of character that it shall be found true when the plumb, the level and the square shall be taken to test us by the Supreme Architect, who placed the corner-stone of the universe. Said the father of his country, who as Grand Master, laid the corner-stone of the capitol of Washington : 'I hope I shall always

possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man' 'Fame' said Bayard Taylor,

“ ‘Fame is what you have taken,
Character's what you give,
When to this thought you waken
Then you begin to live.’

“The ethical principles of Freemasonry are truly commendable, embracing every moral maxim involved in the highest type of manhood. Personal loyalty, a favorable interpretation of motives, allegiance to the golden rule, and a benevolence which does not let the left hand know, are characteristics of the order in its best estate. Who has not heard the Master say quietly in the lodge that, having been apprised of need existing in the family of a brother, he will devote a fund to the relief thereof, unless there be objections, no names being mentioned or known excepting to a few. In some states the Masonic institution is becoming wealthy and is building great charitable homes for the relief of the needy. The modest man is appreciated in Masonic circles. The lodge is all system and order with no room for noise and agitation. Women and children can not become members of the order but they are its special care. Sectarianism and partizanship are scrupulously forbidden within the Masonic portals, and perfectly equal rights prevail there, no highest Mason ever outgrowing the Blue Lodge. The principles of Freemasonry are old as the hills, but they are no more behind the times than is the sunlight. They are concealed in mysteries and obligations, but when revealed are found to be worthy of an obligation. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man are the two first commandments in the Masonic ritual. Freemasonry and the church, as has been said, have each furnished the other many of its best men. The holy Bible is so exalted in the Masonic lodge that it can never take an obscure place in a Mason's home. Many of its greatest truths are impressed in the Masonic service with dramatic vividness. Christianity and Freemasonry were both cradled in the Holy Land. The latter cannot cleanse a sinful past as the former can, but it can keep before its devotees such high moral ideas as they can only reach by the strength of the Almighty Arm. God's guardian care of the Masonic order throughout all the centuries stamps it as a valued auxiliary to the work of His own Beloved Son.

“The jurisdiction of the order of Freemasonry reaches around the world, with lodges in every clime. The sun never sets upon it. One tenth of all the people in the Union are numbered within its fold, and a still greater proportion throughout New England. ‘Once a Mason always a Mason’ is a familiar maxim, and it is a fact that very few members of the order, though perfectly free to do so, ever withdraw from the ranks. The present membership includes many of the best men in every community and all other good men would be welcome. The history of this country could not have been written without the help of good men and Masons at every critical period. Master Masons have ever been the minute men of freedom and the reliable men of statesmanship. Washington saw Lafayette made a Mason in the lodge at Morristown before he appointed him a major-general in the American army. Washington loved Nathaniel Greene, our young Quaker ironmaster, who would probably have been Washington's successor at the head of the army had the former's life been

taken away ; loved him all the more because they both were Masons. Every other major-general of the Revolutionary Army was a Free Mason, as were almost all the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Benjamin Franklin, who was once a Rhode Islander, was afterwards Grand Master of Masons of the State of Pennsylvania. He it was, you remember, who held the Federal Convention together for the adoption of the constitution by proposing at the close of an excited day, that their future sessions should be opened with prayer. He it was who stood at the bar of the House of Commons, and told Parliament to its face that America never would submit to the payment of the stamp duties. He it was who in persuading his associates to sign the Declaration of Independence, assured them that they must hang together or hang separately. During the exciting times just before the battle of Bunker Hill, there were many Masonic meetings held in Boston, and no one was more punctual in attendance than Joseph Warren, the Grand Master. Shall we not say that the Masonic lodge was the studio wherein was fashioned that sublime faith of Warren's in God and man which enabled him to stand at the top of that fatal hill and nerve the undisciplined patriots around him to resist three successive charges of the brave British regulars, who had been trained on every field of Europe to march up to the cannon's mouth like a solid wall in motion. Was it not a Masonic sentiment good for all time, in peace or in war, that Warren addressed to his men there just before he fell, the last man to leave the redoubt :

“ In the God of battles trust,
 Die we may, but die we must,
 And, O, where can dust to dust
 Be consigned so well
 As where Heaven its dews shall shed
 O'er the martyred patriot's head,
 And the rocks shall raise their head
 Of his deeds to tell.”

Lodges, 36 ; members, 4557 ; increase, 88.
 Elisha H. Rhodes, (Providence), G. M.
 Edwin Baker, (Providence), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

118th Communication, Charleston, Dec. 11, 1894.
 Stiles P. Dendy, G. M.
 On the state of the Craft, he says :

“ We have continued our peaceful relations with all Grand Bodies with which we have heretofore been in fraternal correspondence, and peace and harmony have prevailed amongst the lodges and brethren within our own jurisdiction. While in some sections substantial progress may have been made, yet owing largely and mainly to the great financial stringency which has prevailed all over our country, but more especially throughout the South, the progress of Masonry has not been as satisfactory as we could have desired it. Then, too, this has been what may be denominated a *political* year, when the

conditions are not so congenial to the spirit of fraternity, nor so favorable to the prosperity and advancement of our institution."

The following resolution was adopted :

" *Resolved*, That in case any controversy or matter of difference of any character whatsoever should arise between this Grand Lodge and any other Grand Lodge having a representative near this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Secretary at once notify the representative of such Grand Lodge, and lay before him all papers relating to such difference or controversy."

On the Wisconsin proposition being considered, it was not concurred in, but the decision was made that the bestowal of relief in cases of distress should be made quickly and spontaneously, without question of reimbursement, and irrespective of the location of the lodge or the relationship of the applicant.

In this jurisdiction a Past Master who does not represent his lodge, and who is in Grand Lodge simply as a Past Master, cannot introduce a resolution or make any motion in Grand Lodge.

The physical perfectionist doctrine seems to be carried to an absurd length when we find the Grand Master ruling that the loss of a toe by a candidate after his initiation prevents him from any further advance in Masonry. This ruling was made in answer to an enquiry and was not passed upon by any committee or by the Grand Lodge. It is to be hoped that his successor will have liberality enough to reverse it.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and gives our proceedings of 1894 a good notice.

Lodges, 184 ; members, 5797.

Claude E. Sawyer, (Aiken), G. M.

Charles Inglesby, (Charleston), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

20th Communication, Hot Springs, June 12, 1894.

Richard C. McCallister, G. M.

Peace, prosperity and general harmony is the rule throughout this jurisdiction. A strong desire for the upbuilding and widening of their influence as a fraternity seems to pervade all classes of Masons.

Three new lodges were formed.

The following resolution was adopted :

" *Resolved*, That in case of the death of a member of a constituent lodge in this jurisdiction, the Secretary of the lodge shall within thirty days after such death, send to the chairman of the committee on Obituaries notice of the date of death of such member, together with a brief biography and a record of his Masonic life."

Bro. William Blatt gives a very readable review of the various Grand Lodge Proceedings.

Lodges, 85 ; members, 4,074 ; increase, 148.

William C. Allen, (Groton) G. M.

George A. Pettigrew, (Flandreau), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

81st Communication, Nashville, Jan. 30, 1895.

Henry A. Chambers, G. M.

Following the death of the lamented Bro. George C. Connor shortly came the loss of their esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. John Frizzell. He had held the highest positions in the Craft and was Grand Secretary for 27 years. He was an able, learned and zealous Mason, and greatly loved and respected by all who knew him.

Five new lodges were formed. Notwithstanding the continued financial depression, the Masonic order in Tennessee has not been injuriously affected during the past year. The number of its members and their contributions to its support have not decreased, and the practice of its precepts has not diminished.

Their Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home has 71 inmates and there are about 40 more applicants for admission. The Grand Lodge donated \$3,500, pledges were received to the amount of \$2,891.50, and the altar collection brought in \$111.25.

The following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be a committee to dispense the fund accruing from the contribution collected from non-affiliates, the object being to help those widows and orphans entitled to our assistance, who are not admitted to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home."

THOMAS O. MORRIS.

Lodges, 424 ; members, 18,046 ; increase, 105.

George H. Morgan, (Cookeville), G. M.

John B. Garrett, (Nashville), G. S.

TEXAS.

59th Communication, Houston, Dec. 4, 1894.

B. F. Frymier. G. M.

Although financial disturbances have caused unrest in the business world, their Masonic work has been reasonably active. Dispensations were issued for five new lodges.

The Widows and Orphans Home Fund now amounts to over \$78,000 and it was decided to invite proposals for the location of the home : a tract of land not less than 200 acres and near some city or large town ; in a healthy locality, with a donation in money sufficient to erect suitable buildings. Nothing like asking for enough.

On the Wisconsin and Mississippi proposals, the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted :

“ The communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, looking to the establishment of a uniform system in the matter of extending aid by one lodge to the members of other lodges sojourning in its jurisdiction, does not impress your committee as practicable.

“ Believing that Masonic charity attaches as an individual responsibility, and does not spring from lodge organization, we believe it unwise to attempt its administration by rules and regulations.

“ Texas, perhaps more than any other jurisdiction, would be benefited by the rule, but this Grand Lodge has heretofore refused to assume any authority upon the question either between her own subordinates or in behalf of lodges in other jurisdictions. We therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge express its non-concurrence with the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in the matter of its communication and that notice thereof be transmitted to said Grand Lodge.

“ The communication and subjoined resolutions by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, inviting co-operation by all Grand Lodges in establishing an uniform system and mode of procedure in the matter of waiver and transfer of candidates first applying for the degree in one jurisdiction and then moving to and making application in another, has been duly considered, and believing that it is a move in the right direction, but objectionable in some of its details, we recommend that no action be taken on the matter at this time, and that the communication be filed and the subject referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for report at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge as to the action of other Grand Lodges thereon, with such suggestions as said Committee may see proper to make, and that notice of this action be given to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.”

Our Proceedings for 1894 receive fraternal mention at the hands of Bro. Thomas M. Matthews. Bro. George W. Tyler, one of the same committee, has the following on Masonry in Mexico :

“ Our chairman, Bro. Matthews, having assigned to me the pleasant duty of reporting on Masonry in Mexico, I have given the subject such time and study as my business engagements have permitted, and will say in the outset that I see no necessity or occasion for an extended treatment of the subject, no more than there is for the discussion of Masonry in any other friendly jurisdiction.

“ Masonry, everywhere, has ever been of slow growth and development, but steadily its light has spread and its beneficence increased to elevate humanity and bless mankind. The same is true in a general way of Masonry in our sister republic. If it has made more rapid improvement in the last few years there than elsewhere (and

it surely has), it is attributable to the fact that there was more room for improvement; that from previous contending factions, each antagonizing and staying the progress of the others, there was at last formed in 1890 a compact and coherent reorganization—the Gran Dieta Symbolica—based upon correct principles, with all the elements of conservatism and progress, and guided by the hands of intelligent and zealous men, learned in the mysteries of the Craft and abreast with the development of the Masonic world. At once it took a proud position. The errors of the past have been studied and corrected, and the administrative features of all jurisdictions have been drawn upon for information, and they have selected those adapted to their environments.

“The jealous protest of Toltec Lodge has been silenced by cold logic and facts, and Toltec Lodge itself has taken its place upon the register of the Gran Dieta, being now numbered among its constituent lodges. Texas recognized the Gran Dieta in 1891, New York followed in 1894, and many other Grand Lodges are about ready to fall in line. And why not? Because Bro. Vaux and Bro. Robbins don't like Scotch Rite Masonry? Why don't they? Echo answers. Texas does and has always affiliated Scotch Rite Masons the same as York Rite. This objection is about on a par with the long and learned jargon of Bro. Vaux two or three years ago, to the effect that there was a question as to whether the persons whom the Grand Master of Texas met at Monterey in 1891 were really Masons, because in his report he failed to state in detail how he tested their Masonic character. The Grand Master of Texas, perhaps, did not deem it proper to write or print such matters. But why should this little omission have worried Bro. Vaux, of Pennsylvania, when the Grand Master of that state has frequently ‘made Masons at sight,’ and Bro. Vaux has always defended this arrogant claim of prerogative. According to Bro. Vaux and his prerogative idea, the Grand Master of Texas could have made those gentlemen Masons at sight, if they were not already invested with our solemn mysteries. True, it might have been extra-territorial to have done so in the republic of Mexico beyond the jurisdiction of Texas, but a little further arrogating of supreme prerogative like that could not have been objected to consistently by our learned Masonic sage of Pennsylvania. Were it not for our brother's silver locks, which, it is reported he wears very long (like the quondam Texas cowboy), we should be tempted to suggest that ‘a little (Masonic) learning is a dangerous thing; drink deep or taste not the Pierian (Masonic) spring.’

“Does Bro. Vaux presume that the Grand Master of Texas met as Masons persons who were not Masons, or that the Grand Lodge of Texas would ratify his action without being satisfied of the fact? Does Bro. Vaux hold Masonic and fraternal correspondence with a Grand Lodge composed of such noodles as would do this? Bro. Rosemberger, Grand Master of North Tamaulipas, a constituent of the Gran Dieta, visited the Grand Lodge of Texas in a few weeks afterward and was warmly welcomed by all our brethren. Was our Grand Lodge satisfied that he was a Mason? The proceedings do not show it. But they do show that Bro. Rosemberger made a generous donation to our ‘Widows and Orphans’ Home Fund’—a very good Masonic sign.

“And so with all the carping objections to the recognition of the Gran Dieta by such special pleaders and sticklers as Bro. Vaux and

Bro. Robbins. It is all a mere tirade against Scotch Rite Masonry, and, as humorously stated by Bro. Butze in his able reply to Bro. Gould on another point, is about as germane to the question of recognition as the difference between the dogmas of communion and transubstantiation. But they say Mexican Masonry is of doubtful origin—has no pedigree—when the historic truth is that it has more pedigree than any of our Masonry; it traces to the old time French Masonry, the Grand Lodge of York Masons in New York in 1820-30 and to the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. True, there have been mutations and changes in organization, and Masonry has suffered the vicissitudes and conflicts of the country itself, but, through it all, Masonry has survived, and shines out to day the silver lining to the dark cloud of war, conflict and social disorder that overhangs the past of the Republic of Mexico. It commands the devoted service and homage of the best blood, the best talent, and the most progressive and patriotic men of the Republic. I need not speak of the character and refinement of the higher classes in Mexico. Whoever underestimates them is grossly ignorant. And Masonry there is not found among the low classes, but is confined to the highest and best class of citizenship, and is characterized by refinement, education and the highest moral virtues. But above all is the generous whole soul charity of our Mexican brethren, especially to their brother Masons. Critics may carp, and special pleaders may stickle about this and that, about pedigrees and genealogy, about rights and dogmas, but the Masonry of Mexico goes right on with its works and deeds of charity, and is writing its history of brotherly love and kindness in the Lamb's book eternal, and tested by this principle, the great corner-stone of Freemasonry, it is entitled to stand in the front ranks of the Masonic powers of the earth.

"From these considerations thus briefly stated, Texas is proud of her action in recognizing the Masonry of Mexico, represented by the Gran Dieta, the Supreme Masonic power there, and already realizes and is realizing day by day the beneficent influence that such recognition has wrought in our intercourse with their people, and not a single event has occurred thus far to mar our pleasant relations or to cause regret for the action we have taken. Our brethren along the border mutually interchange visits and Masonic courtesies, and in deference to American Masons residing in the Republic, English speaking York Rite Lodges have been chartered and organized by the Gran Dieta whenever desired. Missouri withdrew her old charter from Toltec Lodge, and, as before stated, Toltec has applied for and received a charter from the Gran Dieta, and is now working in perfect harmony with her Mexican sister lodges. The literature of Mexican Masonry is, of course, printed in the Spanish language, and this is a barrier to a thorough understanding of their affairs by our sister Grand Lodges and English speaking Masons generally, but the universality of Masonry is not to be restricted by differences in speech or geographical boundaries, and none can admit ignorance when it is their duty to know and advise. So let our good brethren of 'the States,' and especially those of the 'Guild' get down their Spanish-English lexicons, or get interpreters, and go to work and read up on Masonry in Mexico, and extend the hand of brotherhood and fraternal union, and learn, like them, to practice (as we all do now profess) the noble virtue of charity and brotherly love."

Lodges, 577 ; members, 27,336 ; increase, 2,864.

Gus Garrison, (Sulphur Springs), G. M.

John Watson, (Houston), G. S.

UTAH.

24th Communication, Ogden, Jan. 15, 1895.

Arvis S. Chapman, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft, he says :

"The financial depression of which my predecessor, the lamented Grand Master Emery, has spoken of in his address, still exists throughout the country, and more particularly in Utah. In consequence, the increase of membership in our lodges has been seriously retarded ; still their integrity has been maintained, and peace and harmony prevail. The heaven-born principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, taught by Masonry and emblazoned on its banner, are cherished in the heart of every Utah Mason, and with this assurance, we may fearlessly breast the waves of reverses, confident that our feet will soon stand on the solid ground of prosperity. To me the future of Utah looked never brighter ; she has all the resources to make her inhabitants prosperous and to establish within her borders a grand commonwealth. I believe the time is near at hand when a change for the better will take place, and with it Freemasonry in this jurisdiction will move onward and upward with such strides as never before have been taken."

Bro. Chapman visited all the lodges and thus became thoroughly acquainted with their condition and necessities.

The following capital report on the Mississippi resolutions was adopted :

"With all due respect for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi with which we are on the most friendly relations, we must insist upon our rule of non conformity to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction. We believe that if all Grand Lodges would relinquish that indefensible claim and adopt the rule of one year's residence within their jurisdiction the interests of Freemasonry would suffer nothing thereby, but rather be benefited by its adoption ; because the petition of a candidate for the degrees in Masonry is rejected it by no means follows that he is unfit to become a Mason. We have seen in the long course of our Masonic career many candidates rejected who were angels of light compared with some who had succeeded in gaining admission, or with those who may have been supposed to have caused their rejection. Then again, if the absolute secrecy of the ballot is enforced in all jurisdictions as it should be, how is it that clause in Rule 1 to be carried out which provides for furnishing 'to the lodge to which said petition is made, the *grounds* upon which such rejection was made ? The citizens of the United States are an enterprising, restless people ; they are, many of them, constantly changing their domicile from one section of the republic to another ; does anyone suppose that if the law of perpetual jurisdiction prevailed throughout the land there would not be hundreds of good and true men forever barred from becoming honorable and worthy members of our

fraternity by reason of some private pique or prejudice on the part of some one away back in their own home?

"No, brethren of Mississippi, the Grand Lodge of Utah adheres to its plain and simple rule that a residence of one year within its jurisdiction gives a candidate the right to seek Masonic brotherhood within its lodges.

"As to Rule 2, we object to the one year residence clause; if a man is worthy to be made a Mason in your lodge to-day and has been so declared by a unanimous vote, why should he be delayed a whole year before he can be advanced simply because the exigencies of his affairs have caused him to move into another jurisdiction? Utah lodges are ever ready to extend the courtesy to their sister lodges wheresoever located, of conferring the degrees for them under the usual safeguards; if the mother lodge sees fit to waive jurisdiction the brother becomes a member of one of our lodges, if not he is simply a member of the mother lodge, made by courtesy in Utah, until such time as his own inclination may lead him to withdraw and join with us. The status of a candidate who has already been elected and in most cases has received at least one degree before moving into another jurisdiction, is different from that of a rejected candidate."

The Grand Secretary has his usual excellent review of the Proceedings, including Canada for 1894.

Lodges, 8; members, 677; increase, 9.

Alvin C. Emerson, (Ogden), G. M.

Christopher Diehl, (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

101st Communication, Burlington, June 13, 1894.

John H. Whipple, G. M.

We make the following extracts from the address of the Grand Master.

"The special committee on ritual, appointed under the resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1892 and continued by resolution of last year, with full authority to act, report that they have completed their work.

"They have secured the publication of one edition and entered into negotiations for the printing of a second, and the preservation of the plates, which are now owned and controlled by the Grand Lodge.

"The lectures which are the foundation of this work, were adopted in 1818, and the present work and lectures reaffirmed in 1867 and the use of any other is prohibited by the regulations of this Grand Lodge." * * *

"I am pleased to note that some progress has been made during the year in the direction of securing a home for the Masons of this State. The incorporators of the temple and the committee of the several grand bodies met last October and effected an organization, since which time a circular letter has been issued to the lodges and others, asking their co-operation and subscriptions for the stock. With this circular the most of you are familiar, and I need only to refer to it at this time.

"The subject, however, is imperious in its demands for emphatic utterance. We need a fixed and permanent home; a building of which not only we may be proud and the state may boast, but a structure that will be an evidence to all generations of the interest, zeal and munificence of the Masons of Vermont.

"Brethren, I commend the enterprise to your serious and favorable consideration, and would urge the good work so auspiciously begun, to an early completion. The time has come for immediate and decisive action. The dignity of our order demands it, the preservation of our records demands it, and every interest that touches the welfare of Masons demands it. It only remains then for us, each and all, to imitate our first Grand Master, Solomon, King of Israel, and 'prepare with all our might.' 'So mote it be.'"

The Grand Lecturer reports that the ritual is at present very closely followed all over the State and that the new floor work meets with general approbation.

A digest of decisions and standing resolutions was ordered to be prepared.

The following were adopted as standing resolutions :

"*Resolved*, That in case of the suspension or expulsion of a member of a lodge, the Secretary thereof shall forthwith give notice under the seal of the lodge to the Secretary or Recorder of all other Masonic bodies with which such suspended or expelled members are known to be affiliated."

"*Resolved*, That physical ability to earn a livelihood, and to conform substantially to the form and ceremonies of Masonry, and be instructed in its mysteries, is all that is required, providing the candidate possesses the higher qualifications of a belief in God, of mental worth and the record of a moral and upright life; that this interpretation of the ancient charges and regulations is not inconsistent with the true spirit of the Masonic institution, but in keeping with its sublime teachings from time immemorial."

A medal is to be struck in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge.

The centennial celebration included a public parade, an historical address, a centennial poem and a banquet. The programme was an excellent one and was most successfully carried out in all its details.

The report of Bro. Marsh O. Perkins covers 167 pages; reviewing 53 jurisdictions in his customary able and interesting manner. In his notice of Arkansas, he has the following remarks on the use of cyphers :

"Now, Bro. Davidson, isn't it about time to relegate that hoary-headed myth into the innermost recesses of the past? What landmark is infringed upon? And when in the history of speculative Freemasonry were not ciphers and extended forms of the lectures extant, and in the hands of authorized, and for that matter, unauthorized instructors of the craft? The good old days before the anti-Masonic furor abounded in them, although they were not printed. Preston, Webb, Barney *et al* never hesitated, if we read aright, to turn an honest penny for the good of Masonry and their

own pocket-books by disposing of copied ciphers. Their disciples in very many instances patterned after the masters, until old copies of the lectures are by no means the rarest curiosity of the age. Now let us look the question squarely in the face, and frankly admit that our fathers did not have the many advantages of the present day, but did make the most of those they had, and used the goose quill where their sons call to their aid the typewriter, fair and unfair, and the job printer. It may be best for us all to carry our grist to mill with the old stone in one end of the bag, but if some one is inclined to throw away the stone and shift the grain, or has done so already, let us carefully watch the result and see if the mountains are really falling and 'Scotland' actually burning. More than this, Bro. D., when somebody tries to scare us with the bugaboo of a fancied landmark, let us see if the thing will really materialize. When he cries, contrary to 'ancient usage and custom,' ask for proofs. Very possibly 'mouth to ear' comprehended much more than meets the eye in phraseology. If so, and anybody knows 'a thing or two' about it, 'let's have it,' but bring along the proofs at the same time."

Canada for 1893 has a good notice.

Bro. Perkins is a strong opponent of the unfair doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, and he says that Vermont would emphatically sustain the position that a *bona fide* residence in that jurisdiction for twelve months renders a candidate eligible for the degrees.

On the prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight, he says that Vermont has the same ancient regulation; "but the memory of man runneth not back to the time when it was ever more than a curiosity enveloped in the accumulated cobwebs of the past."

Lodges, 101; members, 9,466; increase, 206.

John H. Whipple, (Manchester Center), G. M.

Warren G. Reynolds, (Burlington), G. S.

VIRGINIA.

117th Communication, Richmond, Dec. 4, 1894.

Mann Page, G. M.

Prosperity prevails among the lodges on this sacred soil. The mystic number nine records the new lodges during the year. The dedication of the Mary Washington monument at Fredericksburg was an event of more than usual interest, owing to the presence of many notabilities, the President, Vice-President, members of the Cabinet, Senators, etc.

The venerable Grand Secretary was absent through illness, and the Grand Lodge passed a resolution of sympathy. We concur.

The standing committee on the Masonic Home, which has

twelve boys inmates, made the following report, which was adopted :

"Your Committee on the Masonic Home respectfully report that they have performed the duties assigned them, and present the following :

"1st. That this committee endorses the recommendation of the President of the Masonic Home for the increase of the per capita to seventy-five cents per annum.

"2d. That the agent of the Masonic Home be continued, and recommend that he devote as much of his time to this as will not interfere with his duties as teacher.

"3d. That, in the opinion of this committee, it is clearly the duty of the fraternity to assist indigent Master Masons and the destitute widows of such, and recommend that, in the discretion of the Board of Governors, they be admitted to the Masonic Home as soon as the buildings and finances justify such action.

"4th. We do not approve the recommendation of the President that a male superintendent be appointed to take charge at the Home, as we think such outlay at this time would be injudicious."

The reports show a decisive advance in the cause of Masonry and a healthy condition of the fraternity.

Public installations are not permitted.

Lodges, 252 ; members, 12,479 ; increase, 479.

J. P. Fitzgerald, (Farmville), G. M.

William B. Isaacs, (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

37th Communication. Everett, June 12, 1894.

Edward R. Hare, G. M.

Notwithstanding the financial depression, Freemasonry in this jurisdiction has been steadily advancing. New lodges were opened at Ilwaco and Georgetown. The Grand Master divided the State into ten districts and held thirteen lodges of instruction, but he declares the plan to be an unqualified failure, as the lodges most in need of instruction did not attend. He recommends visits by the Grand Lecturer at the expense of Grand Lodge. On Masonic literature, he well says :

"The lodge library should be encouraged. Did you ever consider how easy it is to start a library, and the inestimable benefits derived therefrom ? Every lodge in the jurisdiction can and should have its collection of text books and proceedings, and it is our duty to encourage this manner of dispensing light and knowledge to our less informed brethren. All the lodge needs for a start is a few shelves, a few dollars, and an energetic brother who loves books. We have such a brother at Tacoma, and another at Walla Walla. See what they have accomplished with a very little money. True they have devoted to it much time and labor, but it has been largely a labor of love, and is already bearing fruit as shown by the increasing interest of the brethren in Masonic literature, as exemplified each meeting in the library room. Seattle and Spokane have also organ-

ized Masonic libraries, and you can each have one in your lodge if you will but give the project a little encouragement."

The Grand Lodges of Oklahoma, New Zealand, Tasmania and South Australia were recognized.

The appointment of grand representatives was ordered to be discontinued.

The "Mississippi Resolutions" were postponed till next session.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence. Canada for 1893 receives his favorable attention. On the Order of the Eastern Star, Bro. Reed says:

"In the early years of our experience as a Mason, forty years or more ago, we, like most young men, were buoyant with youthful frolic and fun, and enjoyed the 'taking in' of all the 'so called' 'side degrees,' catering to this species of mental appetite, but as a higher, and, as we believe, wiser appreciation of Masonry grew upon us in after years, we learned the absolute folly and absurdity of such things, as adjuncts or appendages to Masonry. In general, they serve as destructive agencies to higher Masonic thought, and the grand and holier purposes of the institution.

"There are however, possible exceptions to this general rule, if the Order of Eastern Star be classed as a 'side degree to Masonry.' But we have not considered that order in the same unfavorable light as those 'side degrees,' so called, to which we have referred. The Eastern Star is not a Masonic order, nor can it ever be such. The framer or author of this order, Dr. Rob. Morris, assumed for it the title of the 'American Adoptive Rite.' Its structural organization, while its male membership are all Masons supposed to be in good standing, is distinct from Masonry, or any other organization. Its declaration, moral principles and purposes give it the assurance of possessing sufficient vitality and permanency to maintain its independent organization. Its membership and associations are to be shared exclusively by Masons and those endeared to them by the closest and most sacred ties of affection and relationship. Viewing the order in this light, we can see no harm to arise from its organized bodies holding their meetings in our lodge room, when no inconvenience results to the lodges or to Masonry: *Provided, however, That* Masonry must control its own affairs, in all respects, free from the dominations or influence of any other society, order or agency. In this latter reference lies all the danger, if there be any, to Masonry, in respect to granting the privileges above referred to."

Lodges, 94; members, 4,861; increase, 211.

Joseph M. Taylor, (Seattle), G. M.

Thomas M. Reed, (Olympia), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

30th Communication, Wheeling, Nov. 13, 1894.

A. M. Evans, G. M.

Masonry is prospering and peace and harmony prevail. Four new lodges were formed.

The committee on work held a two-days session, at which there was a large attendance, and the work and lectures were fully exemplified.

The new Grand Lodges of South Australia, New Zealand, New South Wales and Oklahoma were recognized.

The following was adopted :

" In the matter submitted by L. C. Powell, Worshipful Master of Fairmont Lodge, No. 9, your committee is of opinion that an Entered Apprentice has a right to petition for advancement, and should the lodge or any member of the lodge object to his advancement, such objection should be followed by proper written charges and trial proceeded with, and in the meantime objection estops the advancement of the candidate, but unless so followed by charges, the candidate should be advanced if proficient."

One of the best papers of the year is the report on correspondence by Bro. George W. Atkinson. It covers 238 pages and is replete with useful and interesting matter. In his review of Canada for 1894, he says :

" The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of this grand jurisdiction are more specific and minute in details than any similar reports we have found in any other Grand Lodge. They give a thorough insight of the workings of every subordinate lodge in the Province. From a careful perusal of these reports, we can truthfully say that the requirements of this Masonic institution are carefully lived up to.

" There are eighteen districts, and each report closes with a carefully prepared table, which gives the names and numbers of the lodges in the district, and also the initiations, passings and raisings, the meetings held, average attendance, members and amounts in arrearage for dues, the financial standing of the lodge, future prospects, amount of insurance on property, and last but not least, whether the Master of the lodge can confer the degrees properly.

" We are glad to note that the answer to the last question is almost invariably *yes*. We are compelled to admit that this is much in advance of our West Virginia lodges. While we have no lodge that is not able to confer the degrees correctly, according to our ritual, yet it is a fact, which we cannot deny, that we have a large number of Masters who are compelled to call on some well informed brother to do the work for him. It ought not to be so, but it is so nevertheless."

On the preservation of the work, he has the following remarks in his notice of Delaware :

" We may be pardoned for answering that there is but one Masonic way to preserve the work, and that is by the Grand Lecturer and his assistants learning it thoroughly, and thus hand it down to the lodges. It is a difficult undertaking but it is the only true way to do it. We have in West Virginia what is termed 'The Virginia Work.' Our Grand Lecturer obtained it from the Grand Lecturer of Virginia, and ever since the organization of our Grand Lodge, it has been taught to our lodges. It has in no material respect been changed. Indeed, we do not believe a single word has been interpolated or

dropped out. We have no ciphers or writings of any kind whatever. Our Grand Lodge would not for a moment tolerate writing in cipher or otherwise any part or portion of the secret work. It is an apparent severe tax on the verbal memories of some of the brethren; but we have never heard a complaint from any one of our Grand Lecturers. When a number of the brethren once get the correct work fixed in their minds, and meet as they do in our State once a year and compare notes, it has not proved a difficult undertaking to keep it intact. We have learned with regret that two or three of our sister Grand Lodges have adopted ciphers, and one or more of them have written out the work *in extenso*. Either of these courses is contrary to the first obligation taught in our grand jurisdiction."

Lodges, 102; members, 5,180; increase, 177.

George W. Feidt, (Martinsburg), G. M.

Geo. W. Atkinson, (Wheeling), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

50th Communication, Milwaukee, June 12, 1894.

William C. Swain, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master opens with the following beautiful paragraphs:

"Fifty years ago seven members of three small lodges, two of them holding charters from Missouri and one from Illinois, met at Madison and organized this Grand Lodge. These seven delegates represented seventy-nine Masons—all there were at that time in the then territory of Wisconsin. To-day I greet the representatives of two hundred and thirty lodges, with a constituency of over 15,000 Master Masons. The little rivulet has swollen into the mighty river. The duties which confronted our fathers were not those now before us. They were the pioneers of civilization—the advance guard, and the obstacles in their path were the forests and the wildness of primitive nature. Our duties, though perhaps not more difficult, are more manifold. In the half century behind us, the world has made the most gigantic strides in its history. We are rapidly discovering the laws which govern the universe, and harnessing the mightiest forces of God into the service of man, and each new invention in mechanics, each new fact learned in science, is accelerating the pace with which we are advancing to a higher destiny.

"We are moving with such speed that average humanity is hardly able to keep the pace, and consequently the present seems to be peculiarly a period of unrest. Anarchy and socialism are all over our land, and men of imperfect mental development, who know they are in want but cannot define their needs, are blindly groping for light. Chaos preceded order, and out of this confusion will eventually come higher enlightenment. We are in a transition stage. Hamlet's cry,

'The time is out of joint: O cursed spite
That ever I was born to set it right,'

was a cry of weakness. We shall fail in our duty as citizens, and equally in our duty as Masons, if we do not stand shoulder to

shoulder with the advance guard, in maintaining a respect for law and the rights of all. Masonry was not organized with the expectation that it was to set the world right, but it is a part of its mission to contribute its influence and form a section of those whose duty it is to act as a balance upon the wheel of progress and assist in bringing order out of confusion."

The Grand Master granted dispensations for five new lodges. He very properly declined to grant a wholesale dispensation for a lodge to confer degrees out of time, but he issued no less than 31 special dispensations for the same purpose. As an instance of the absurd requests sometimes made by those who should be better informed, we notice that the Grand Master declined to allow a lodge to appear in regalia at the funeral of a Mason's daughter.

The Grand Master reports 29 decisions, two of which were as follows :

"There is no color line in Masonic law. If a negro applies for admission, hailing from a regular lodge, and passes a satisfactory examination, he can visit, if no member of the lodge objects."

"A candidate who has places of business in two different towns, and spends half of his time in each, must elect which of the two is his actual residence, which must be the town in which he votes, and the lodge of that town has jurisdiction."

On the Order of the Eastern Star, Bro. Swain has the following remarks. They illustrate a new phase of the question, and one which needs to be carefully considered, as the harmony of the lodge should be our first and most important care :

"I have granted several dispensations for lodges to allow Chapters of this Order to occupy their rooms. I have felt very favorably disposed towards it, as an interesting adjunct of Masonry. But several instances have been reported to me, where it has led to a disruption of the harmony of lodges, and I have been led to question whether it is not a disturbing element. In one case I found it necessary to withdraw the dispensation for use of the lodge room until its members could patch up a peace. So long as quarrels are confined to the Order, it is none of our business to meddle with them; but when they are brought into the lodges, then it becomes our concern. The most prolific cause of disturbance is where the wife of a Mason is rejected, and her husband naturally resents it. I urge upon all Brethren the necessity and importance of keeping these difficulties entirely outside their lodges."

We also copy part of Bro. Swain's account of the Masonic Congress at Chicago. It seems a pity that some general understanding could not be arrived at on this question of relief. The proposition of Bro. Swain has the merit of simplicity and it would avoid many cases of friction :

"The one practical subject, which I took pains to bring before the Congress, on which different Grand Lodges came in contact, was that

of reimbursement of moneys expended for Masonic charity. We have had a varied experience on that subject within the last few years. At our last session, we voted to reimburse a lodge in Washington for moneys expended for a brother from this jurisdiction. We also reimbursed one of our own lodges, which had relieved a brother belonging to Iowa. A few years ago we did the same thing after much correspondence, with a brother from Michigan. We have the double burden imposed upon us, of taking care of the stranger within our gates, and our own brethren who wander beyond our gates. In order to effect uniformity in such cases, I introduced a resolution to the effect that it was the duty of every lodge to take care of its own brethren in distress, wherever they might be, and in case of inability to do so, the duty should devolve upon the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction it was held. This resolution was emphatically sat down on, with a mass of sentimental gush about the duty of Masonic charity, which had no definite or practical meaning."

Bro. Swain closes his excellent address with the following:

"Notwithstanding the year just closed has been dark and gloomy in the financial world, we have flourished beyond our most sanguine expectations. The returns show a net gain in membership of 529, against 593 the preceding year. We have lost 189 by death, against 173 in 1892-3. We have good reason to congratulate ourselves on what we have attained, and for hope for the future."

The Grand Lodge decided that a lodge has the right to vote on questions by a secret ballot, and that after a communication is closed, there cannot be a reconsideration of a vote.

In the report of the committee on Charity, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, we find the following paragraph:

"We further recommend that a committee be appointed, with power to bring the subject of Masonic Charity officially before the Grand Lodges of the country, to the end that a uniform system may be adopted, so that this Grand Lodge shall not be compelled to pay both for the relief of its own brethren in other jurisdictions, and for the relief of brethren from other jurisdictions within our own borders. In the appropriations above recommended we are called upon to pay \$150.00 for aid of one of our own brethren abroad, and \$515.50 for aid to brethren from outside our limits, who should be supported by their own Grand Lodges. In case such an arrangement can not be effected, sister Grand Lodges should at least take their own medicine, and not call upon us to reimburse them for their expenditures for their own poor."

The semi-centennial exercises were celebrated on this occasion with great enthusiasm. A notable feature of the handsome volume before us is the unique collection of portraits of all their Grand Masters, with a biographical sketch of each occupant of the chair.

Bro. Duncan McGregor presented his annual excellent review of other grand bodies, including Canada for 1893.

Lodges, 229 ; members, 15,505 ; increase, 527.

Hiram W. Sawyer, (Hartford), G. M.

John W. Laflin, (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

20th Communication, Newcastle, Sept. 11, 1894.

Ed. F. Stahle, G. M.

He congratulates the membership on the splendid and prosperous condition of their affairs. In his visitations he found material differences in the work.

The lodge quorum was reduced from seven to five.

The Grand Representative system was abolished.

New Zealand was recognized.

The "Mississippi resolutions" were tabled.

The committee on Work are to consider the adoption of an official work.

Bro. Kuykendall again presents an able review of the proceedings. On the Landmarks, he says :

"Our brother in the same paper seems greatly alarmed about Landmarks, although it appears therefrom that he has toned down considerably on that subject. Is it possible he has been re-reading what this writer and many others have written on that question and discovered that he has heretofore jumped at conclusions. We doubt if he can find a report denying the existence of Landmarks. All agree that a few do exist. For one no amount of berating our worthy and highly respected brother and a few others may bestow upon this writer will cause him for one moment to accept as Landmarks everything claimed here and there to be such. A few essentials necessary for the preservation of our Institution and without which it would cease to be Masonry, we accept and abide by as unchangeable. All others in our opinion should be ridiculed out of existence and for this opinion and because we will not without question accept everything claimed to be a Landmark, he seems to think we should be cast into outer darkness. It is really too bad."

We also quote his sensible remarks as to reimbursement for relief :

"Every year we notice a disagreement between lodges over the matter of reimbursement for money expended in caring for sick members, burials, etc. Our views on this question have been fully expressed in former reports and are adhered to in this. We can from knowledge and practical experience readily distinguish between Masonry as a charitable institution and any great beneficial society in matters where they differ, especially on this question of reimbursement. The same trouble between the East and the West over the latter also exists in beneficial societies caused by the low rates of dues and consequent low rate of benefits in the former and high rate of both in the latter and in the difference in cost of living and everything else in the two sections. It would seem as a matter of justice

that all Masonic Grand Jurisdictions should adopt some plan whereby their lodges would be required to create a fund to assist lodges in other jurisdictions in caring for their living and dead members in part, at least and in full in all cases where another lodge was directed to give attention and that all legitimate claims founded upon legitimate expenses incurred would be paid. When we read about a refusal to do the latter it makes us very tired, at the same time we do not believe that any lodge should pay another for brass bands and other side expenses foreign to directions given. There is a conservative middle ground on this question that should, in our opinion, be adopted all around and perfected from time to time until cases of injustice would cease."

Lodges, 15 ; members, 864 ; increase, 41.

J. T. Holliday, (Laramie), G. M.

William L. Kuykendall, (Saratoga), G. S.

LIST OF PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

Alabama	1894	Nebraska	1894
Arizona	1894	Nevada	1894
Arkansas	1894	New Brunswick	1894
British Columbia	1894	New Hampshire	1894
California	1894	New Jersey	1895
Colorado	1894	New Mexico	1894
Connecticut	1895	New South Wales	1894
Cuba	1894	New York	1894
Delaware	1894	North Carolina	1894-95
District of Columbia	1894	North Dakota	1894
Florida	1895	Nova Scotia	1894
Georgia	1894	Ohio	1894
Idaho	1894	Oklahoma	1894
Illinois	1894	Oregon	1894
Indiana	1894	Pennsylvania	1894
Indian Territory	1894	Prince Edward Island	1894
Iowa	1894	Quebec	1895
Kansas	1895	Rhode Island	1894
Kentucky	1894	South Carolina	1894
Louisiana	1895	South Dakota	1894
Maine	1894	Tennessee	1895
Manitoba	1894	Texas	1894
Maryland	1894	Utah	1895
Massachusetts	1894	Vermont	1894
Michigan	1895	Virginia	1894
Minnesota	1895	Washington	1894
Mississippi	1895	West Virginia	1894
Missouri	1894	Wisconsin	1894
Montana	1894	Wyoming	1894

All which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, June 10th, 1895.



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